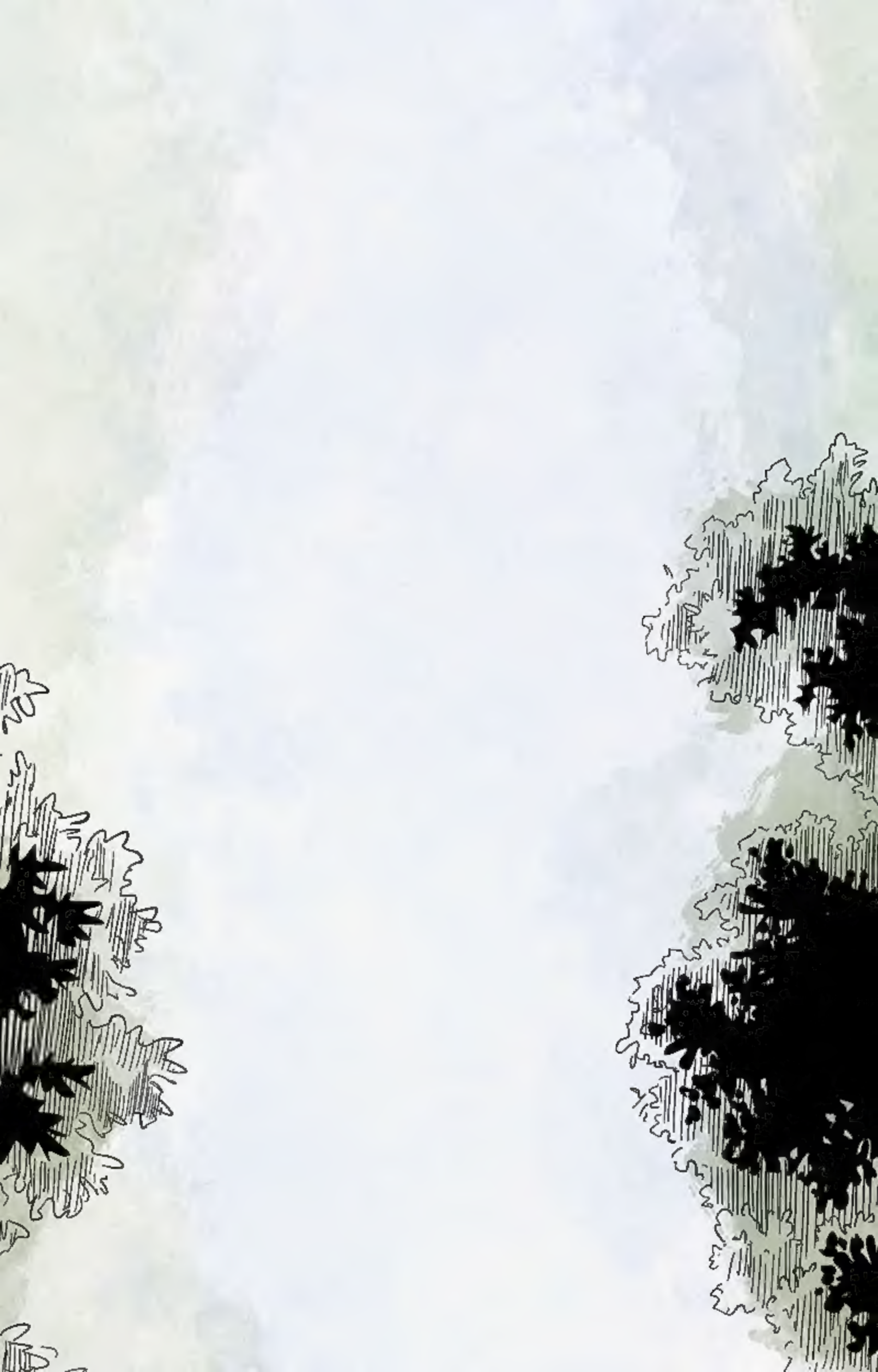

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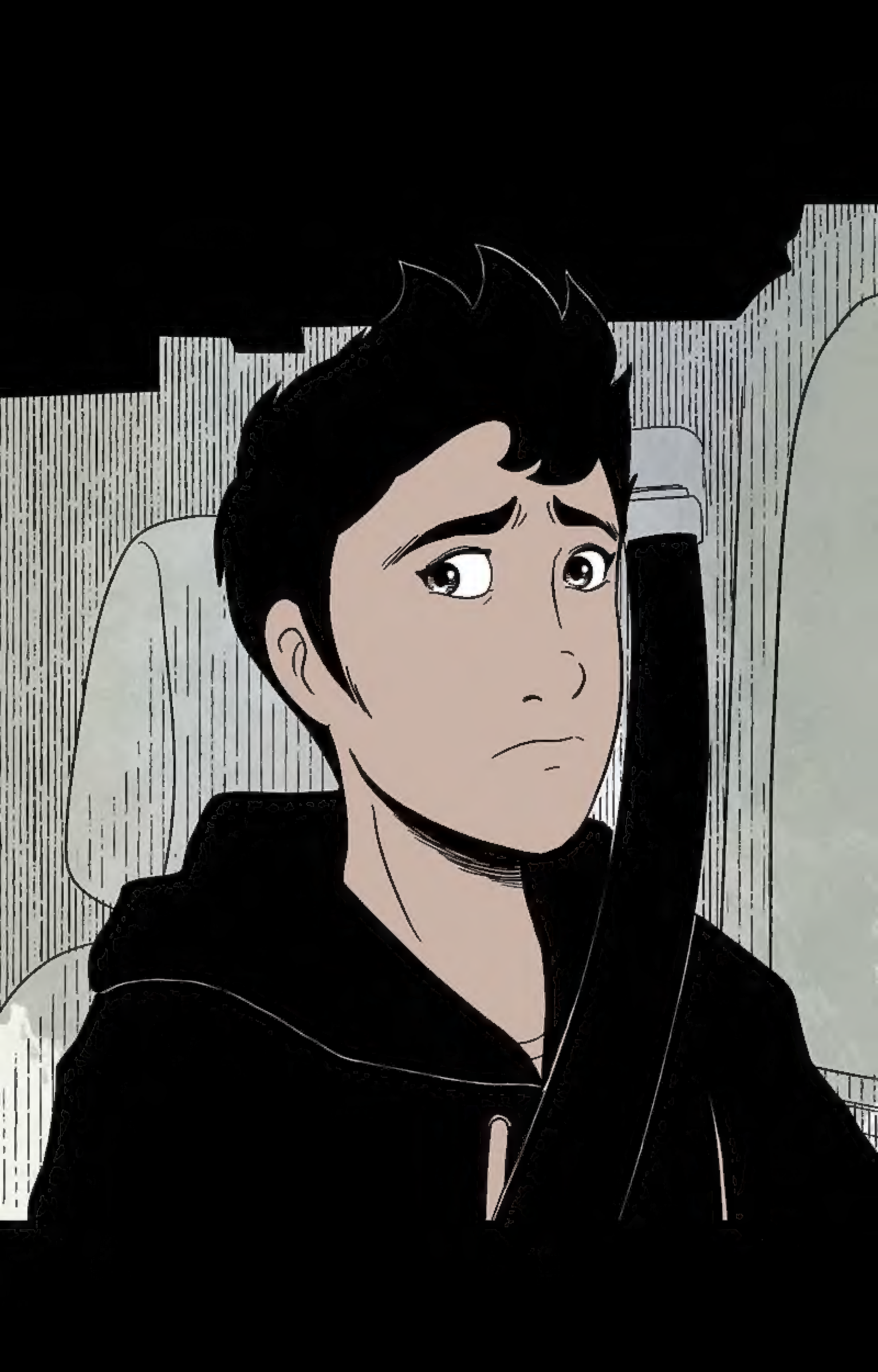


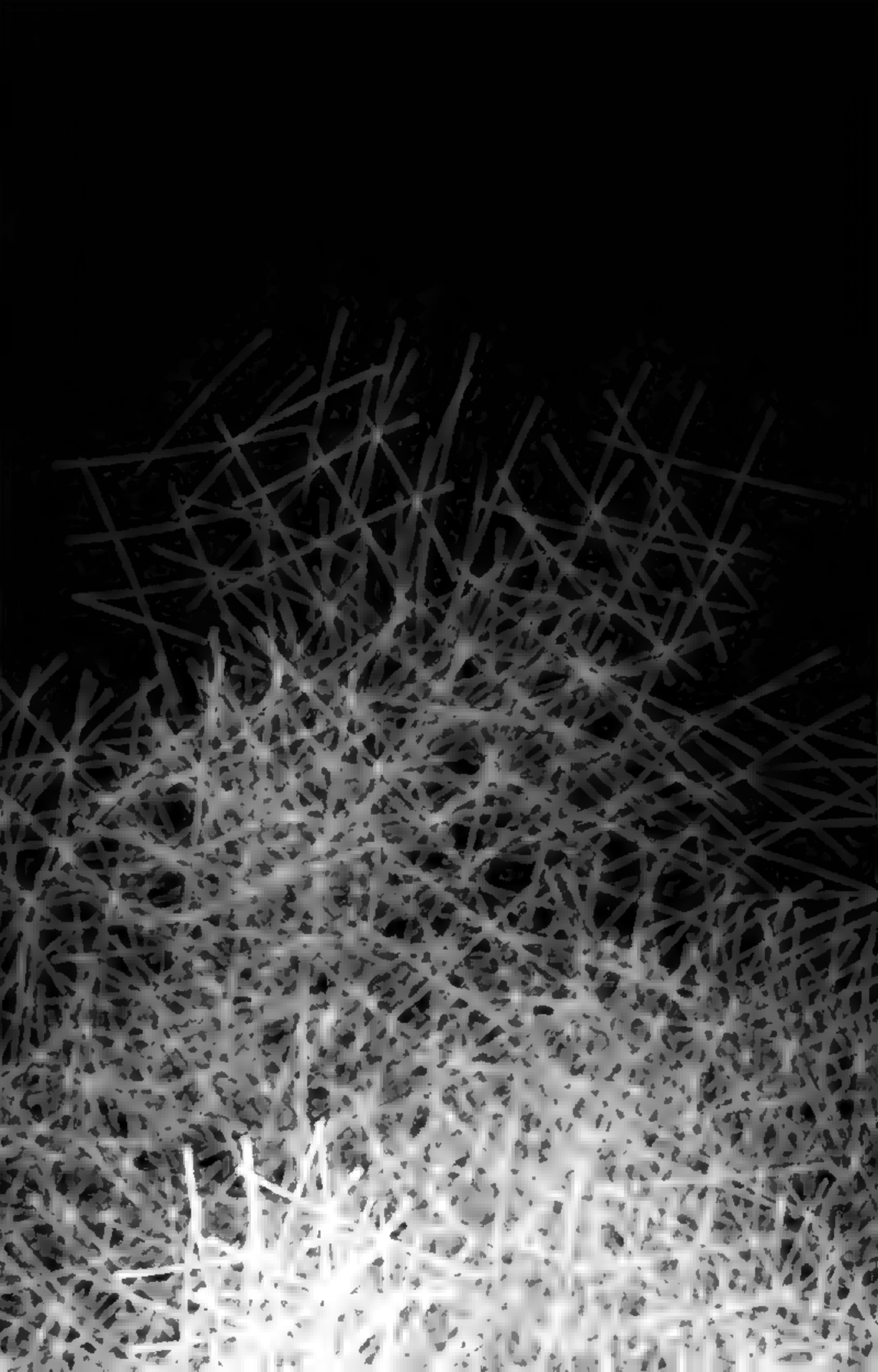
HOW'S THE ARM DOING, KIDDO?

FINE. IT DOESN'T HURT ANYMORE.

HMMM.

IT'S OKAY.

WE'LL BE OUT OF HERE SOON.
PROMISE.



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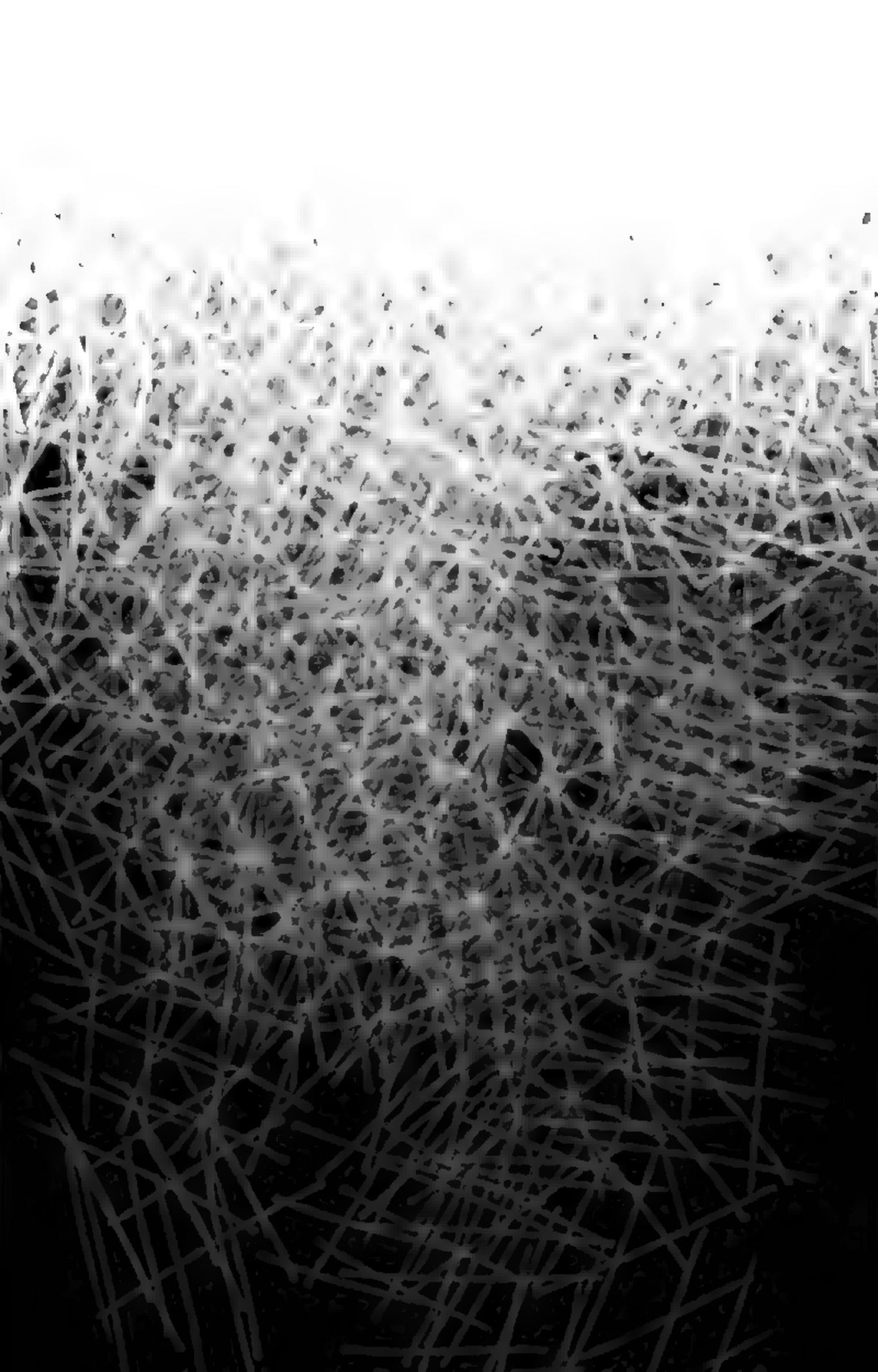
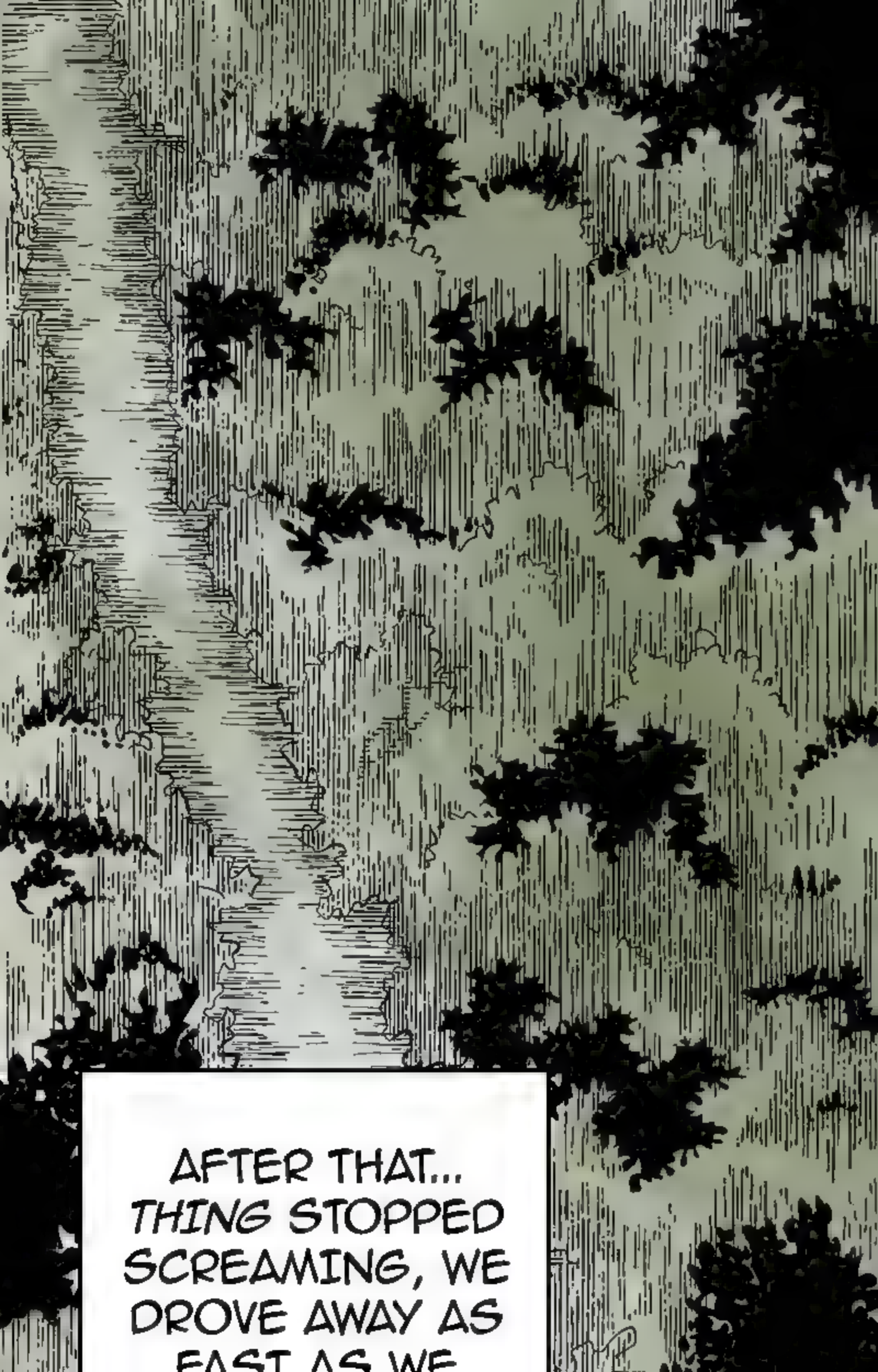
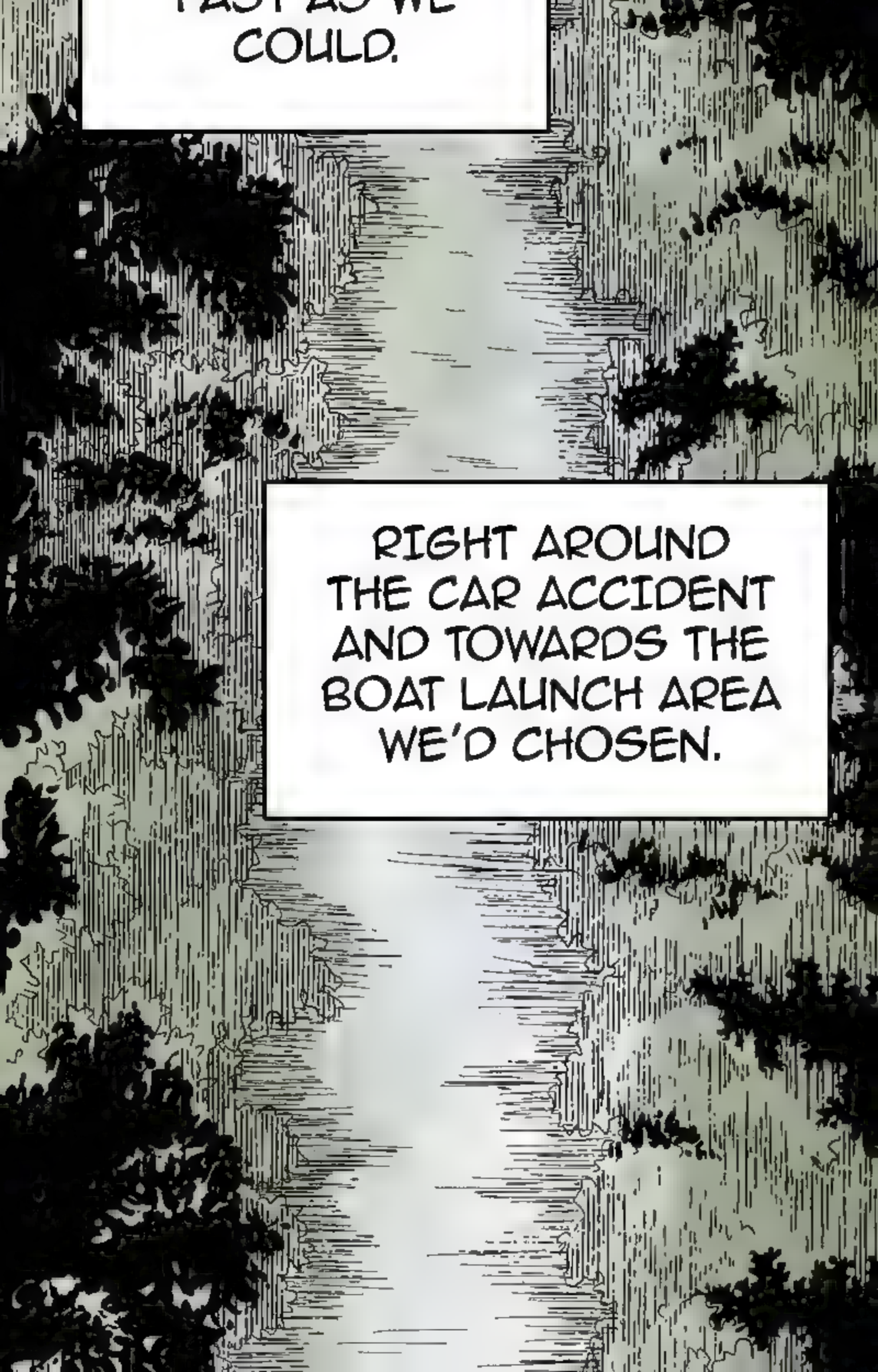
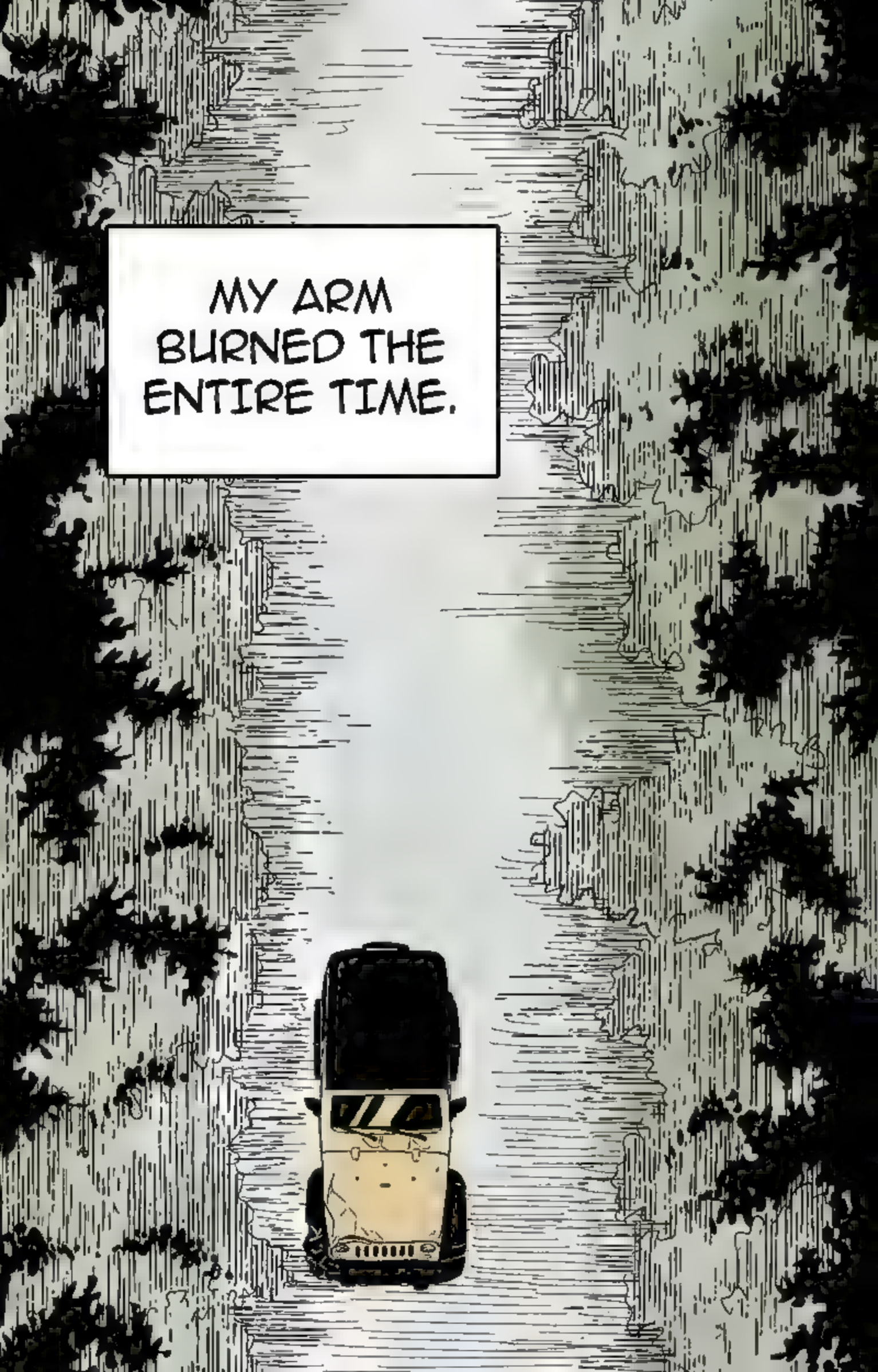
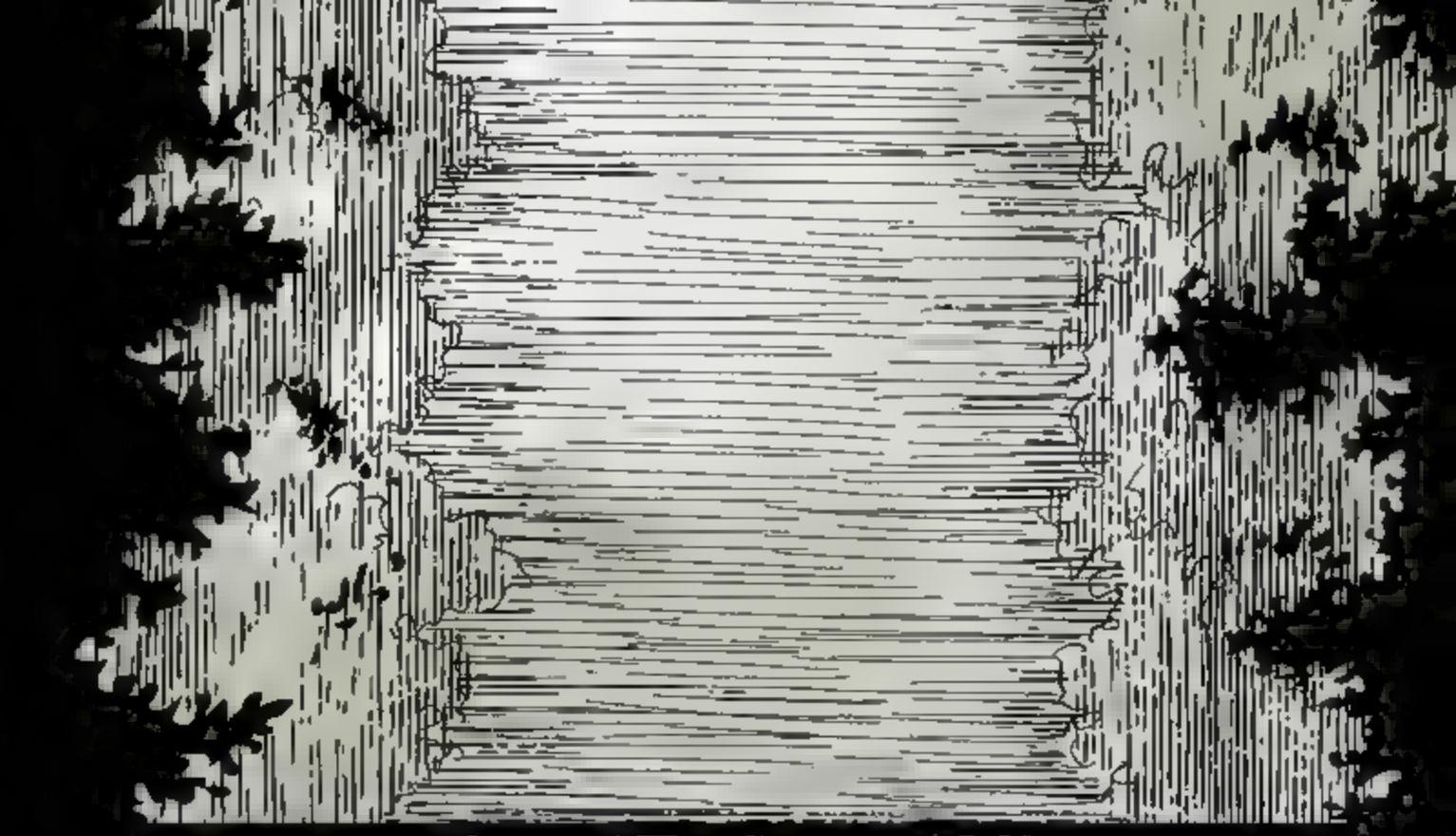


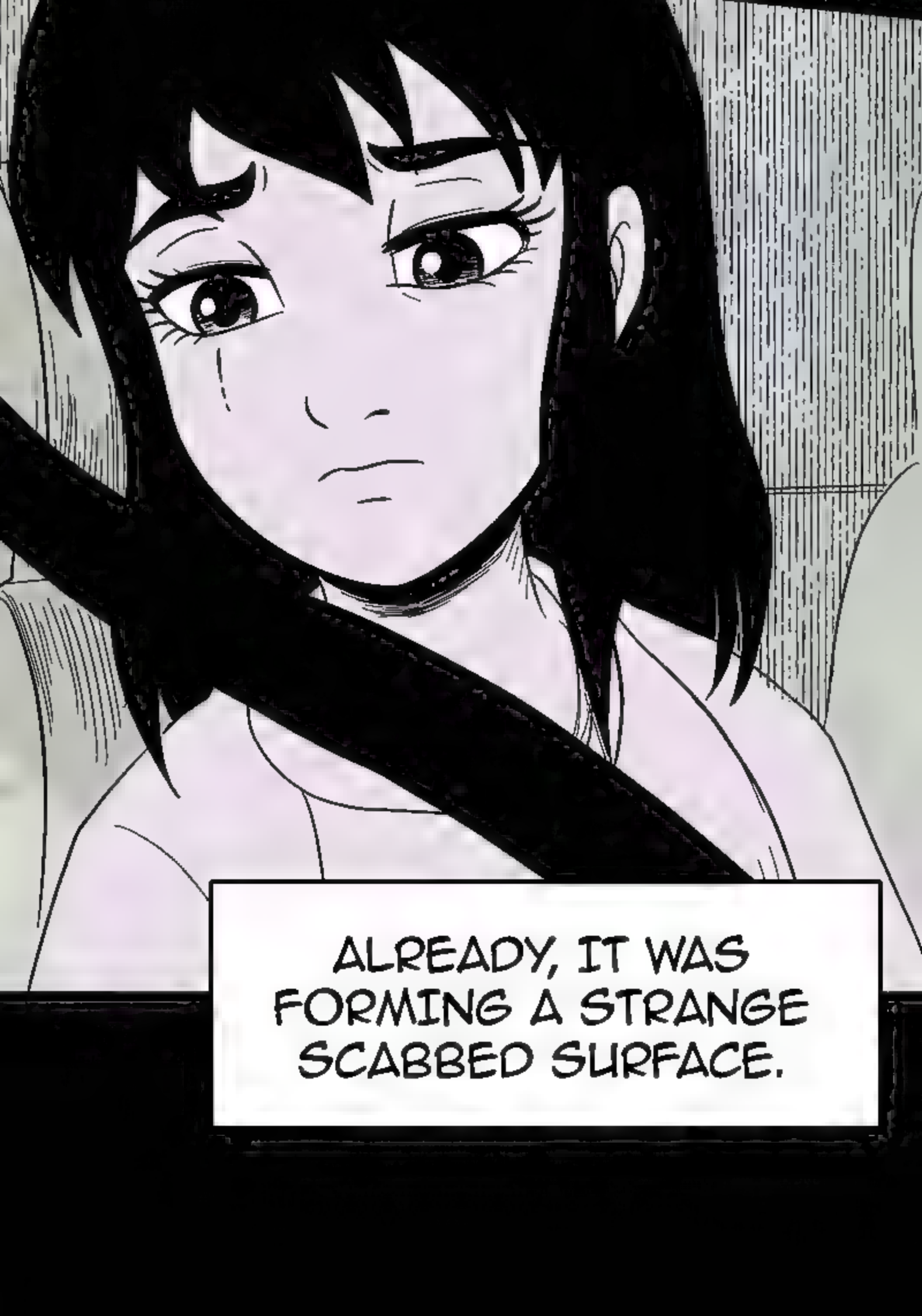

AFTER THAT...
THING STOPPED SCREAMING, WE DROVE AWAY AS


FAST AS WE COULD.
RIGHT AROUND THE CAR ACCIDENT AND TOWARDS THE BOAT LAUNCH AREA WE'D CHOSEN.

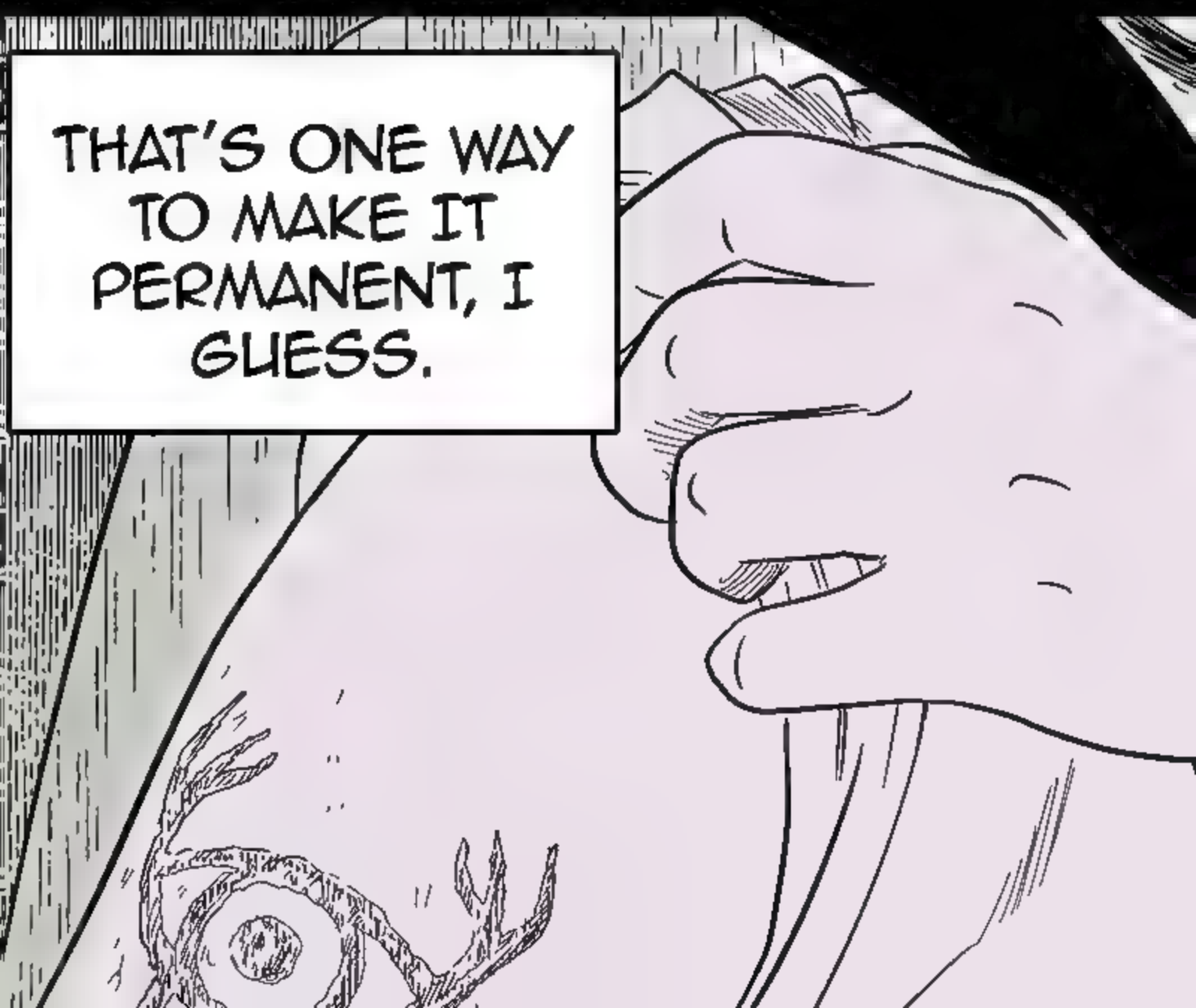

MY ARM BURNED THE ENTIRE TIME.



THAT SHRIEKING NOISE HAD MADE MY TEMPORARY TATTOO BURN AND DISSOLVE SOMEHOW.


ALREADY, IT WAS FORMING A STRANGE SCABBED SURFACE.

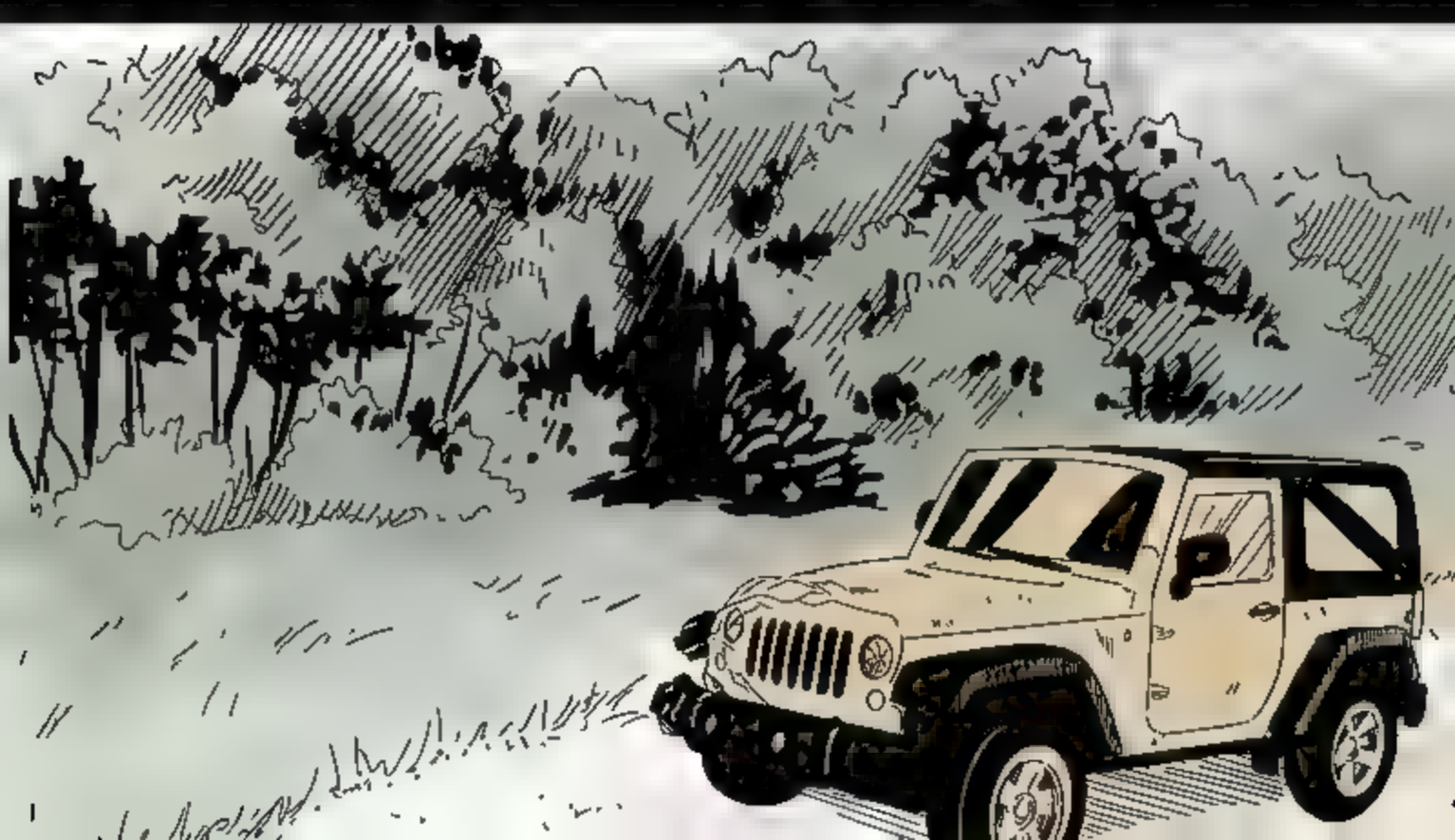
IT WAS LIKE THE TEMP TATTOOS COULD ONLY DEFLECT THE SKULL'S EFFECTS FOR A MOMENT, BEFORE BURNING UP.

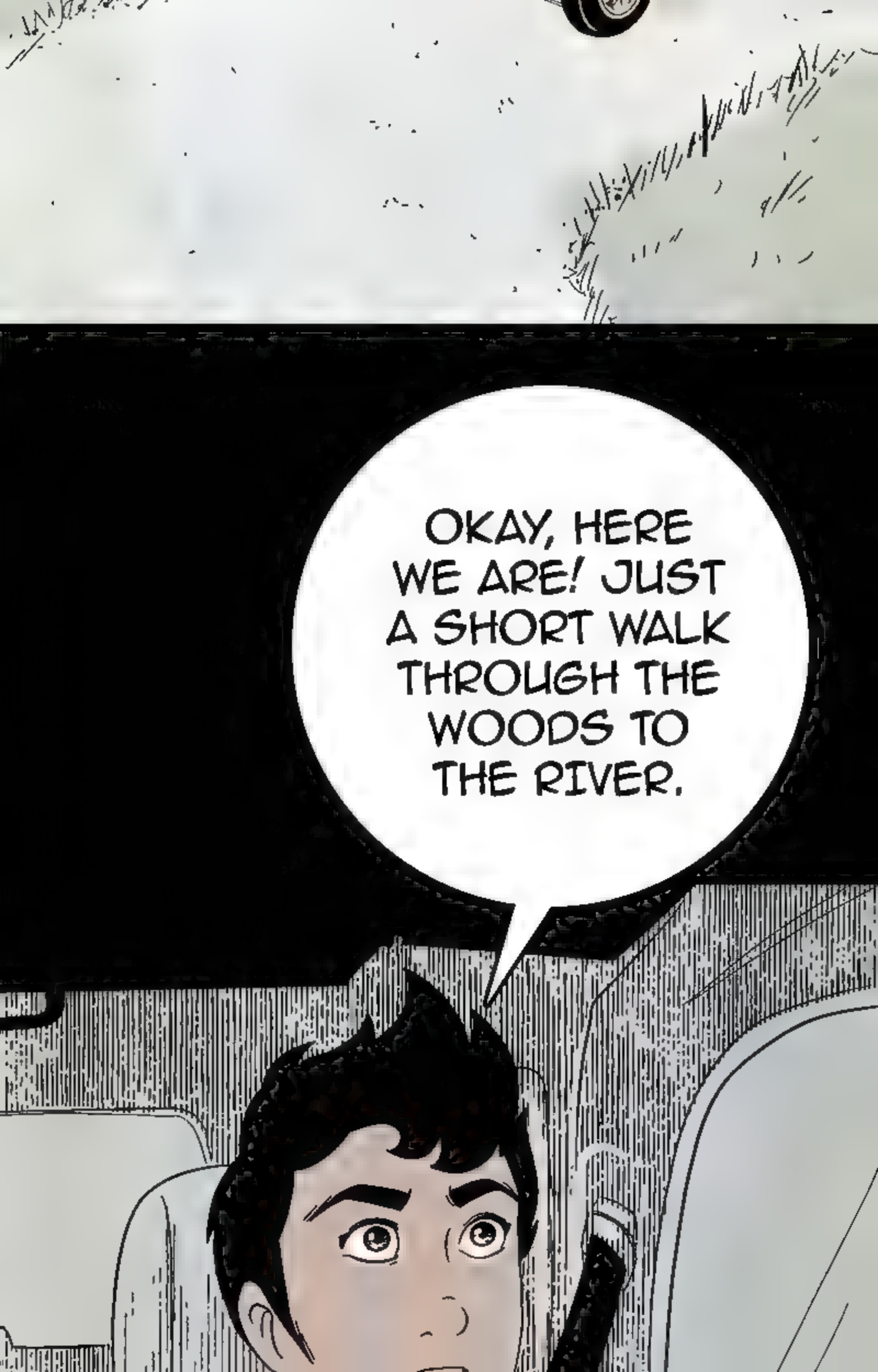


AND TO THINK WE'D PLANNED TO DO PERMANENT TATTOOS BEFORE THE BOAT TRIP.
OH WELL.

FELIX'S ARM WAS HURTING HIM, BUT HE WAS TRYING TO TOUGH IT OUT.

IF HE COULD DEAL WITHOUT COMPLAINING, I FIGURED I COULD TOO.

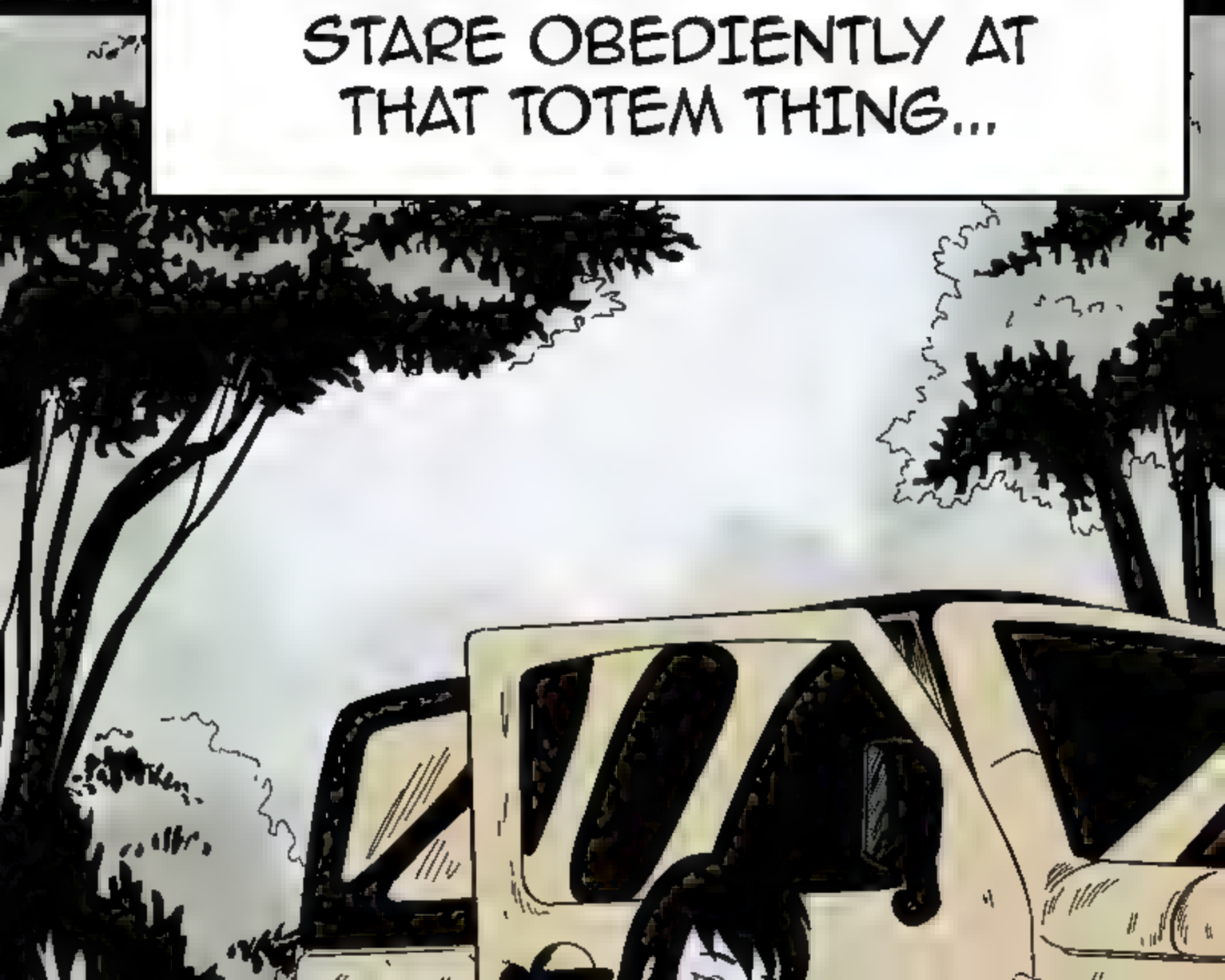



OKAY, HERE WE ARE! JUST A SHORT WALK THROUGH THE WOODS TO THE RIVER.

WE PACKED AS MUCH AS WE COULD FOR THE BOAT.

I TRIED TO KEEP BUSY, SO AS NOT TO THINK ABOUT WHAT HAD HAPPENED BACK AT THE CAROUSEL FIELD.

I HAD NO REAL ANSWER FOR IT. SEEING THOSE PEOPLE JUST...*GIVE UP* AND STARE OBEDIENTLY AT THAT TOTEM THING...

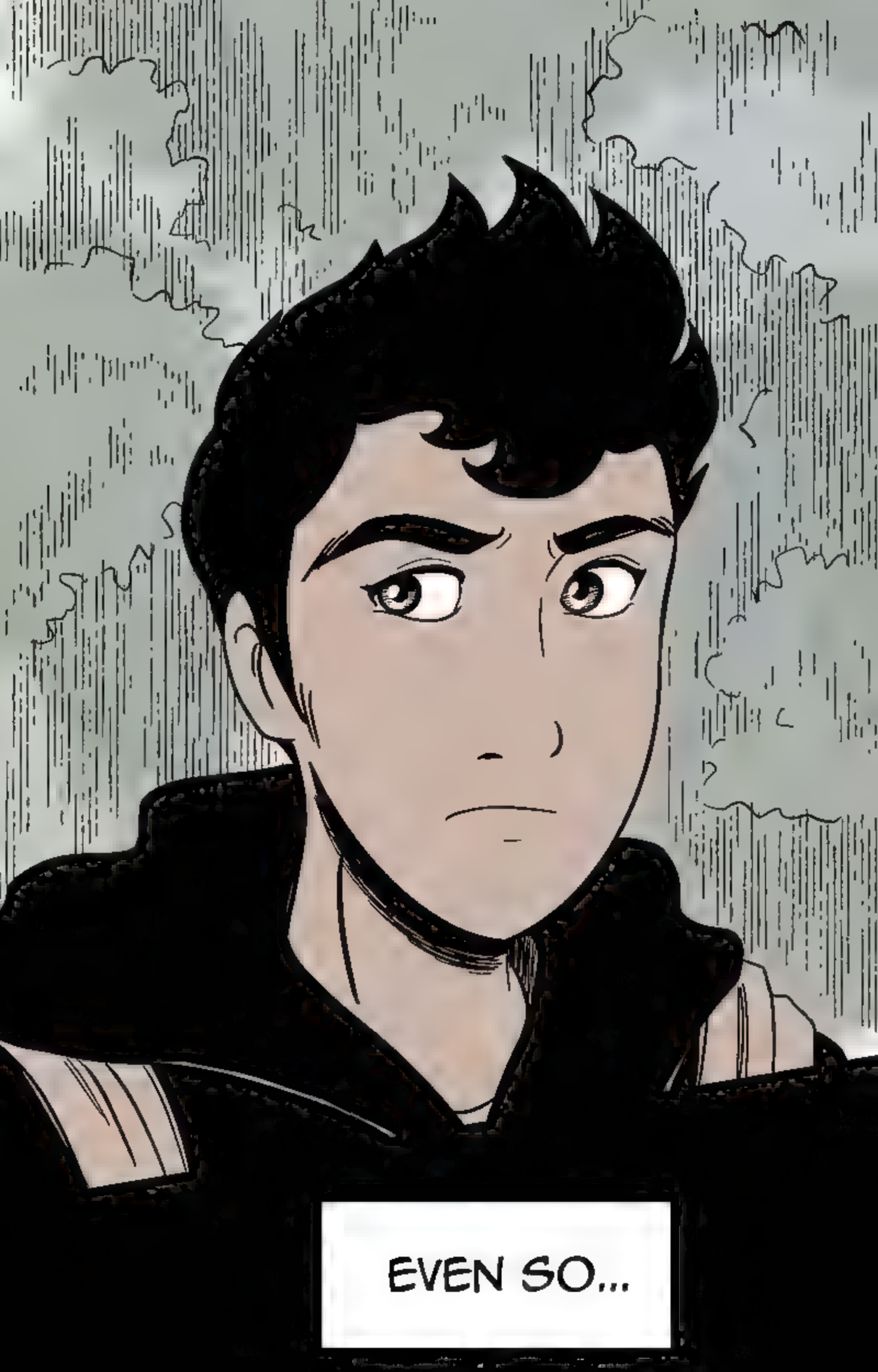


THE TATTOOS SAVED US. JUST ONE MORE REASON WE OWED JEREMY BIG TIME AND WOULD NEVER BE ABLE TO PAY HIM BACK FOR IT.

WE LEFT THE CAR BY THE ROAD AND HEADED FOR THE RIVER.

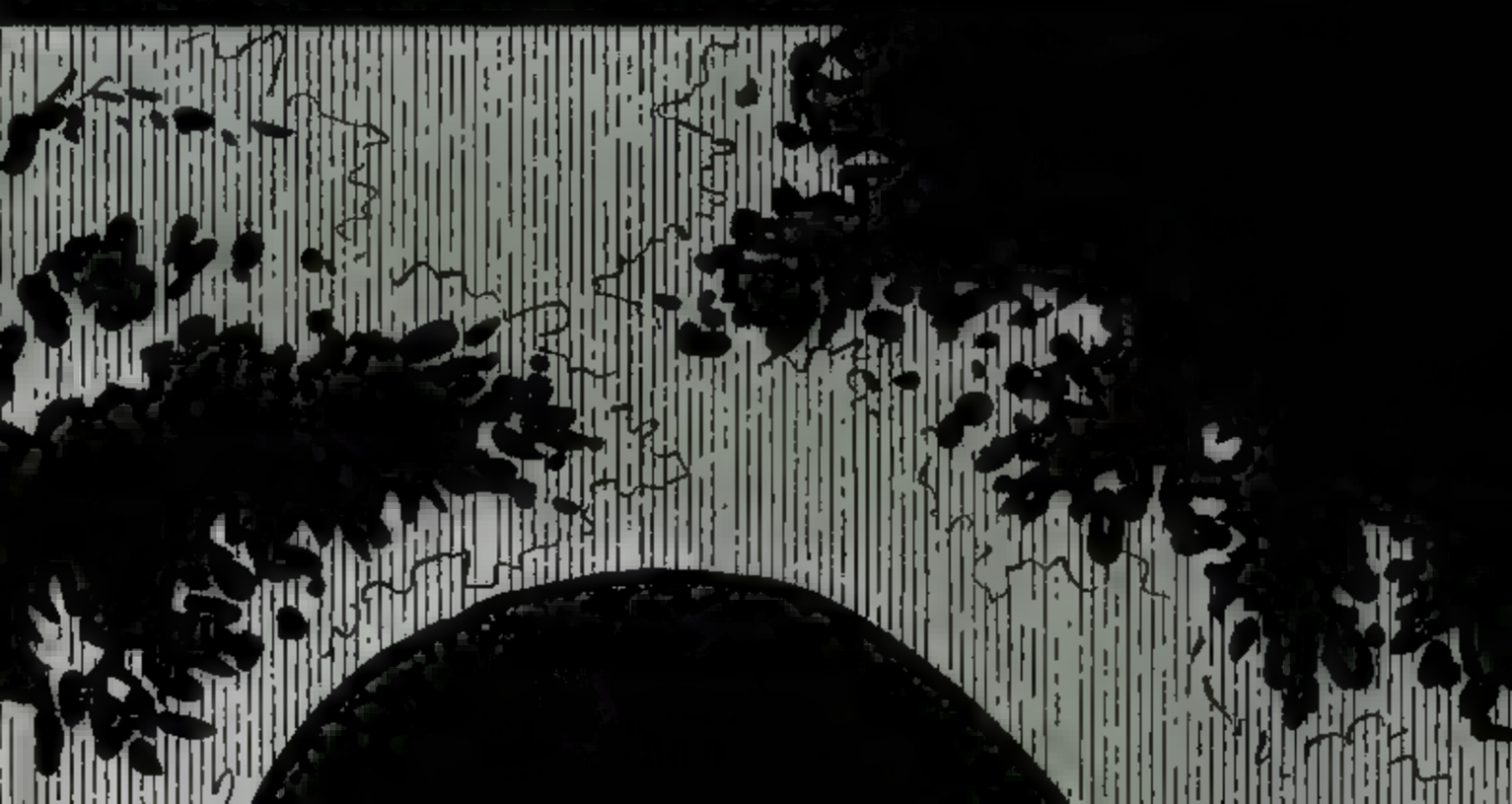
IT REALLY WAS A SHORT WALK. JUST A HUNDRED YARDS OR SO. BUT SOMEHOW, IT FELT SO MUCH LONGER.

MUCH MORE FINAL.

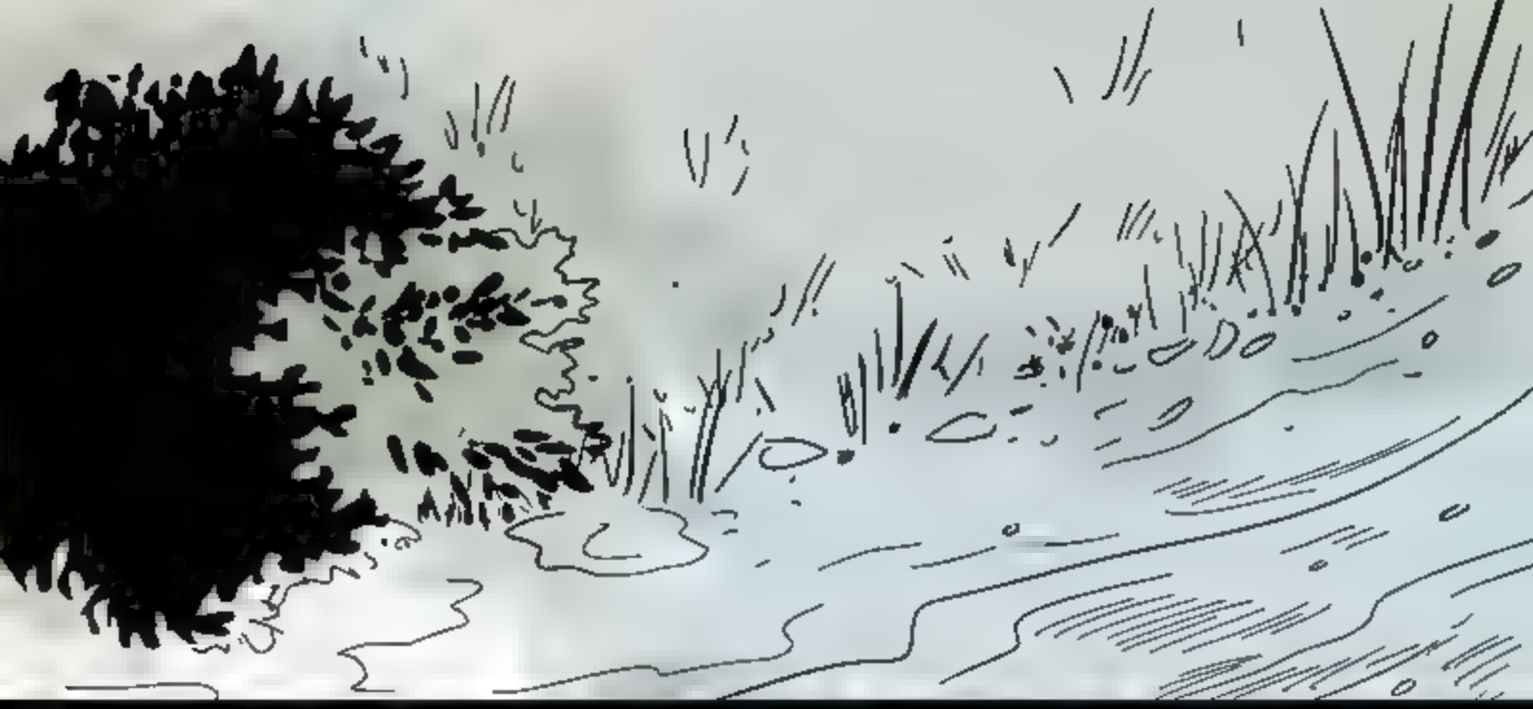

EVEN SO...

WE BOTH KEPT WATCHING FOR...ANYTHING.

AN AMBUSH. WHATEVER.



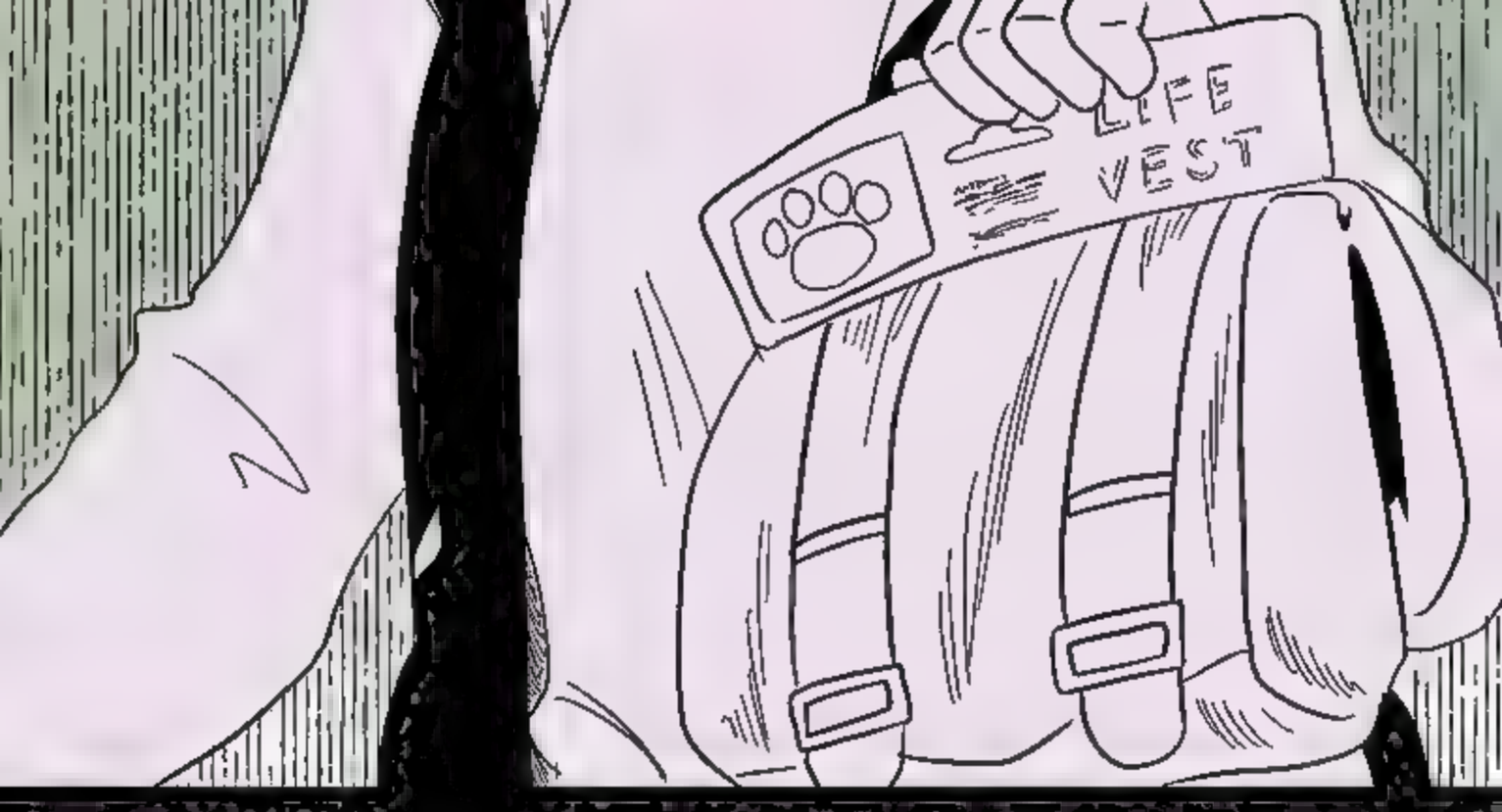
BUT NOTHING HAPPENED.



WE REACHED THE RIVER'S EDGE. FELIX PUT THE BOAT TOGETHER WHILE I UNPACKED AND KEPT WATCH.

PSPSPSSS...
COME ON OUT, LITTLE FRIEND.
TIME TO

GO.
GUESS WHAT I GOT YOU!



IN VERY LITTLE TIME,

THE BOAT WAS READY.

YOU PSYCHED TO LEAVE, CHICA?

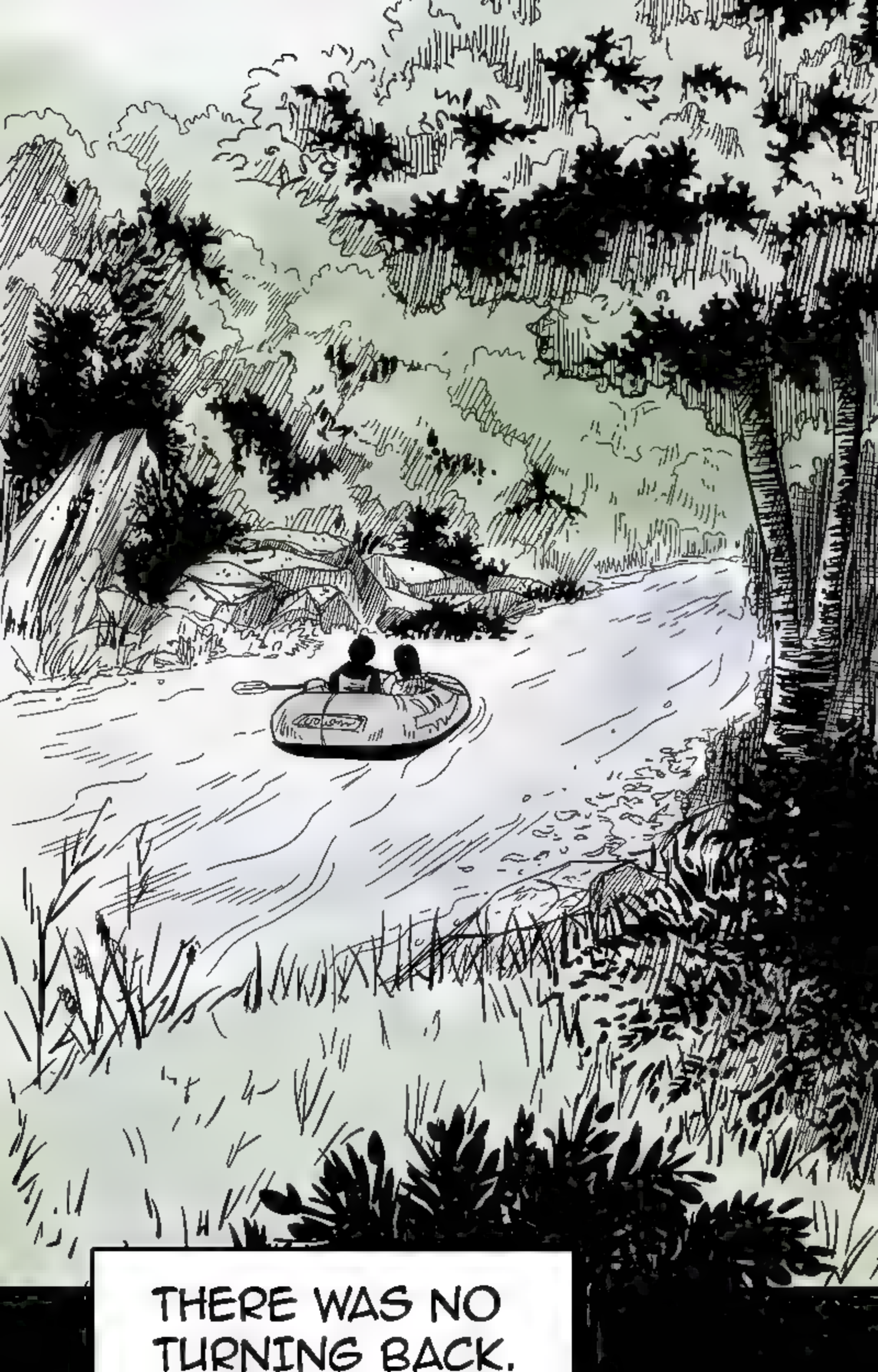
LET'S... TRY NOT TO DIE.

THAT'S THE SPIRIT!

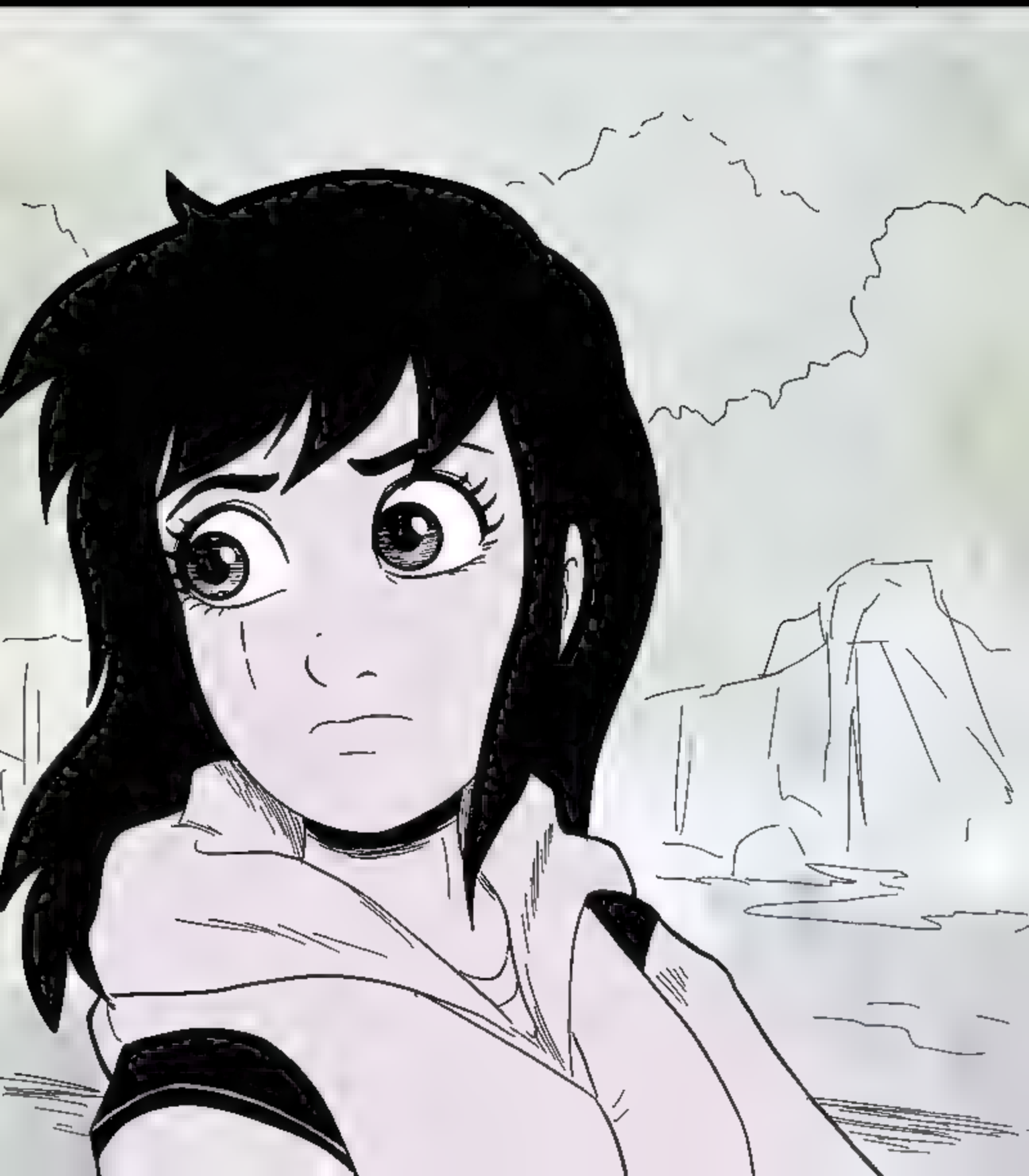
ALL RIGHT, EVERYBODY IN?
YES MA'AM.
GOOD.

LET'S GET THE HELL OUT OF HERE.

AND WITH THAT...

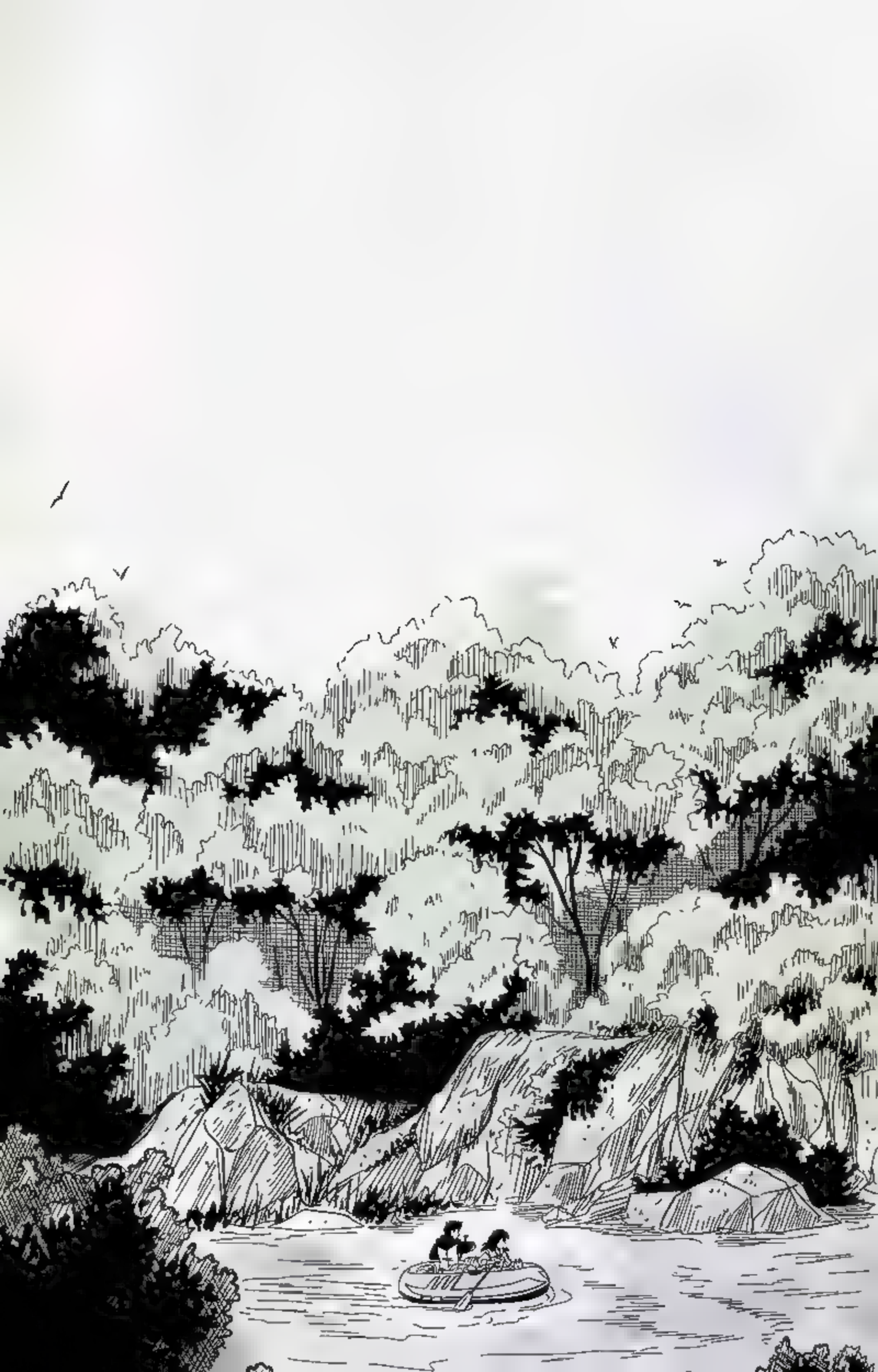

THERE WAS NO TURNING BACK.

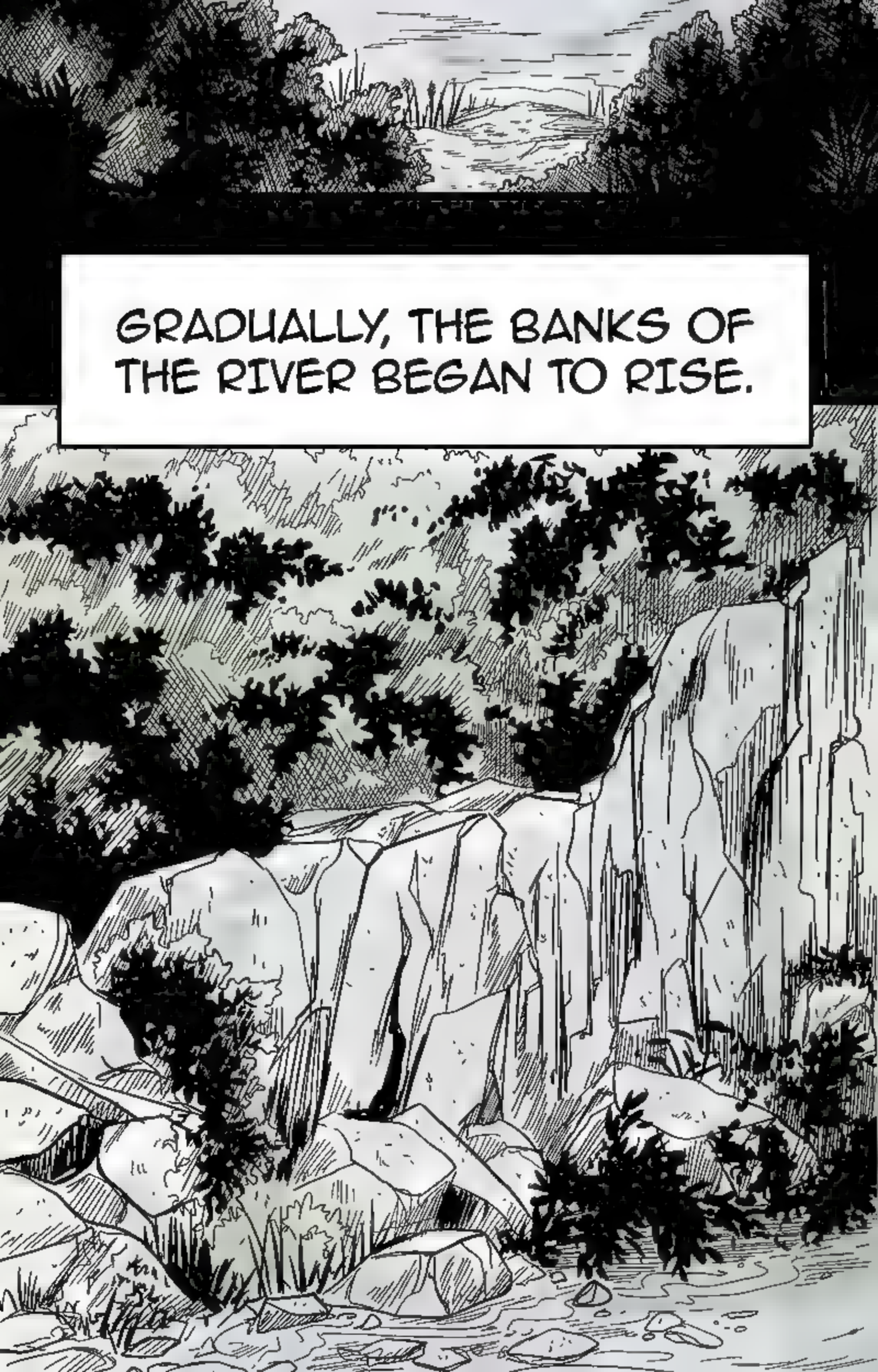
LAP
LAP
LAP

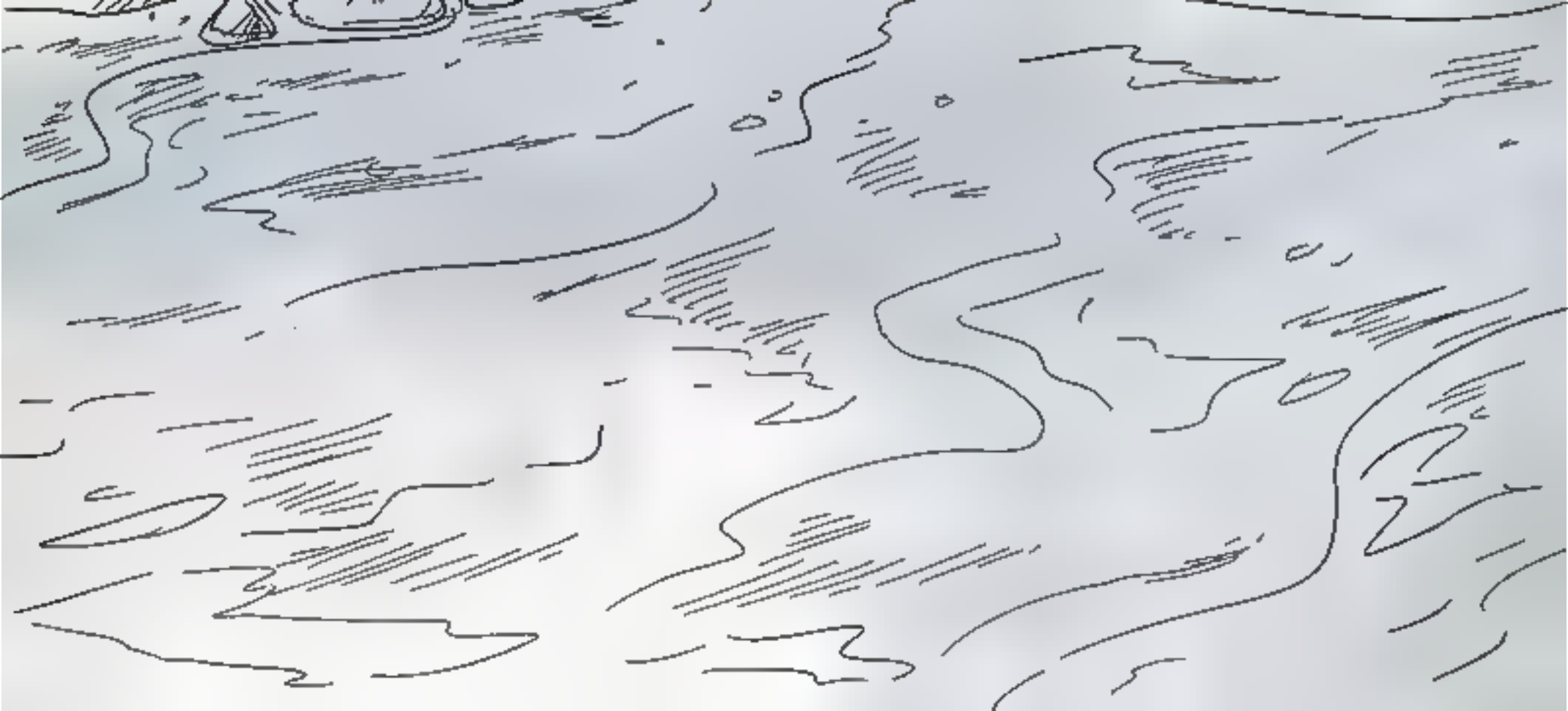


THE RIVER HAD A STRONG CURRENT AND WE WERE SOON MAKING GOOD TIME.
WE BOTH CONTINUED KEEPING AN EYE OUT.

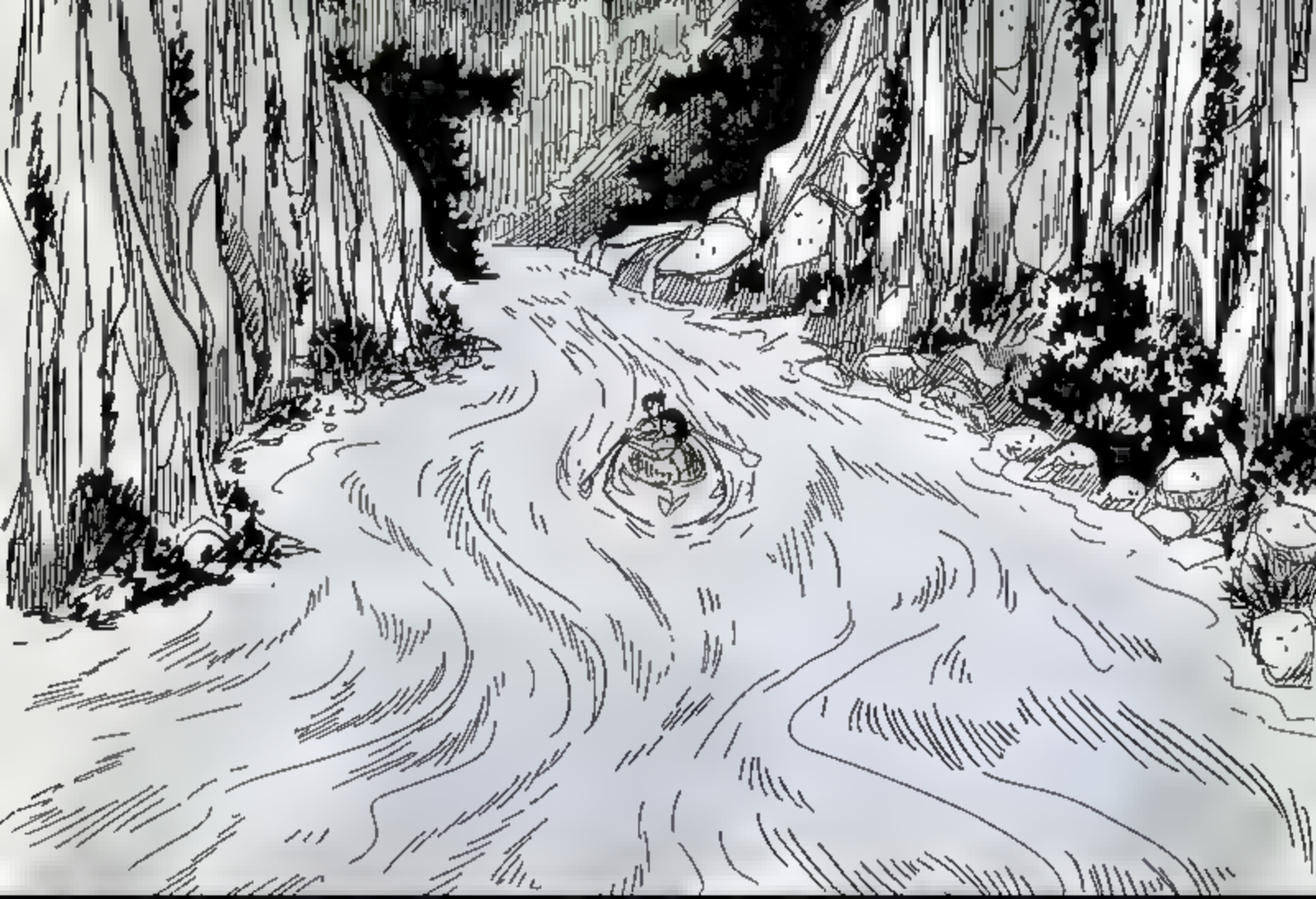
WE'D FAILED SO MANY TIMES BEFORE, I GUESS WE JUST EXPECTED SOMETHING TO POP OUT AND TRY TO STOP US.




GRADUALLY, THE BANKS OF THE RIVER BEGAN TO RISE.

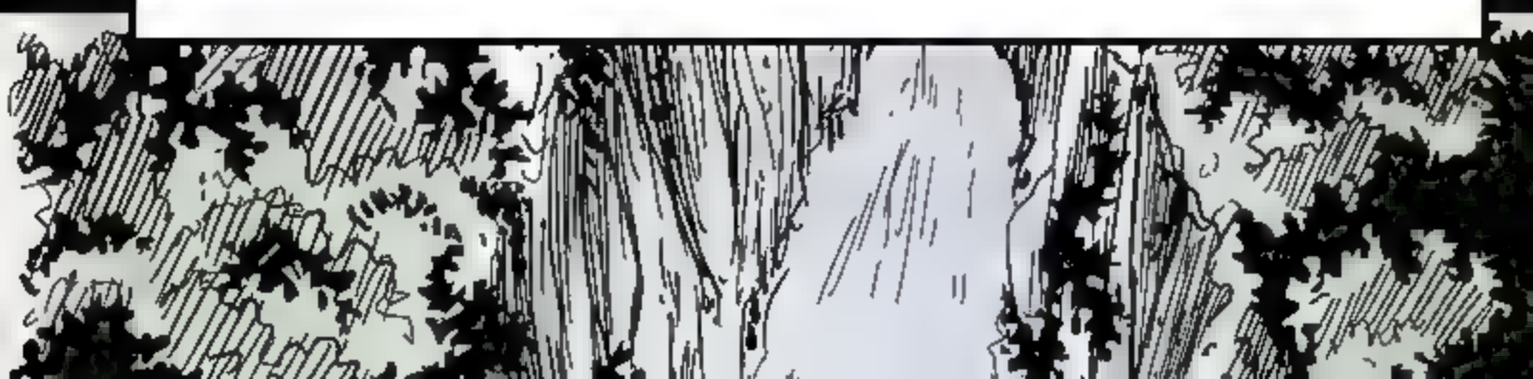


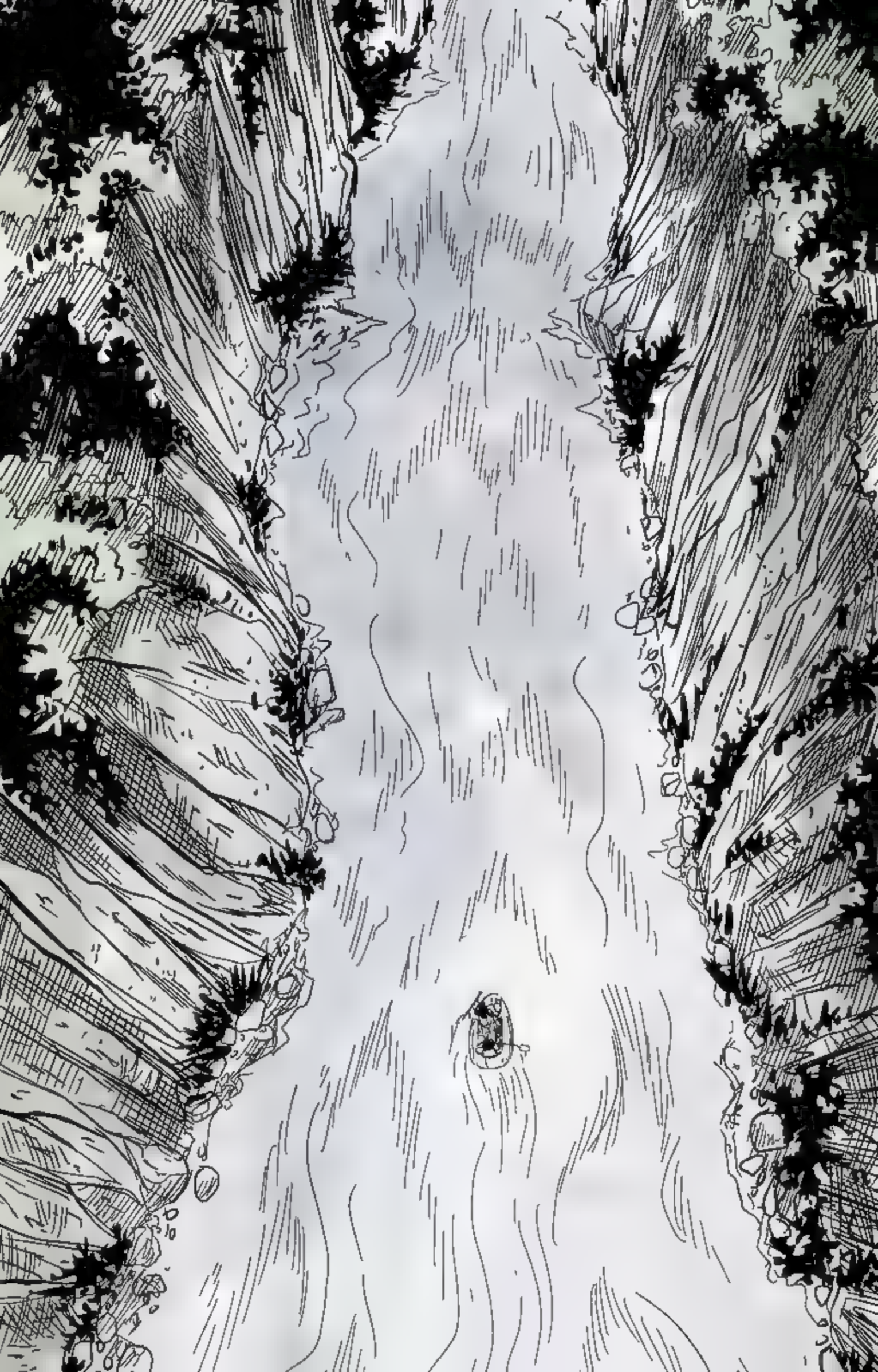
JUST AS FELIX NOTED, THE CLOSER WE GOT TO THE TOWN BORDER, THE HIGHER THE CLIFFS ROSE.



SOON THERE WAS NO BANK LEFT TO STOP THE BOAT UPON.

JUST HIGH, ENDLESS CLIFFS.





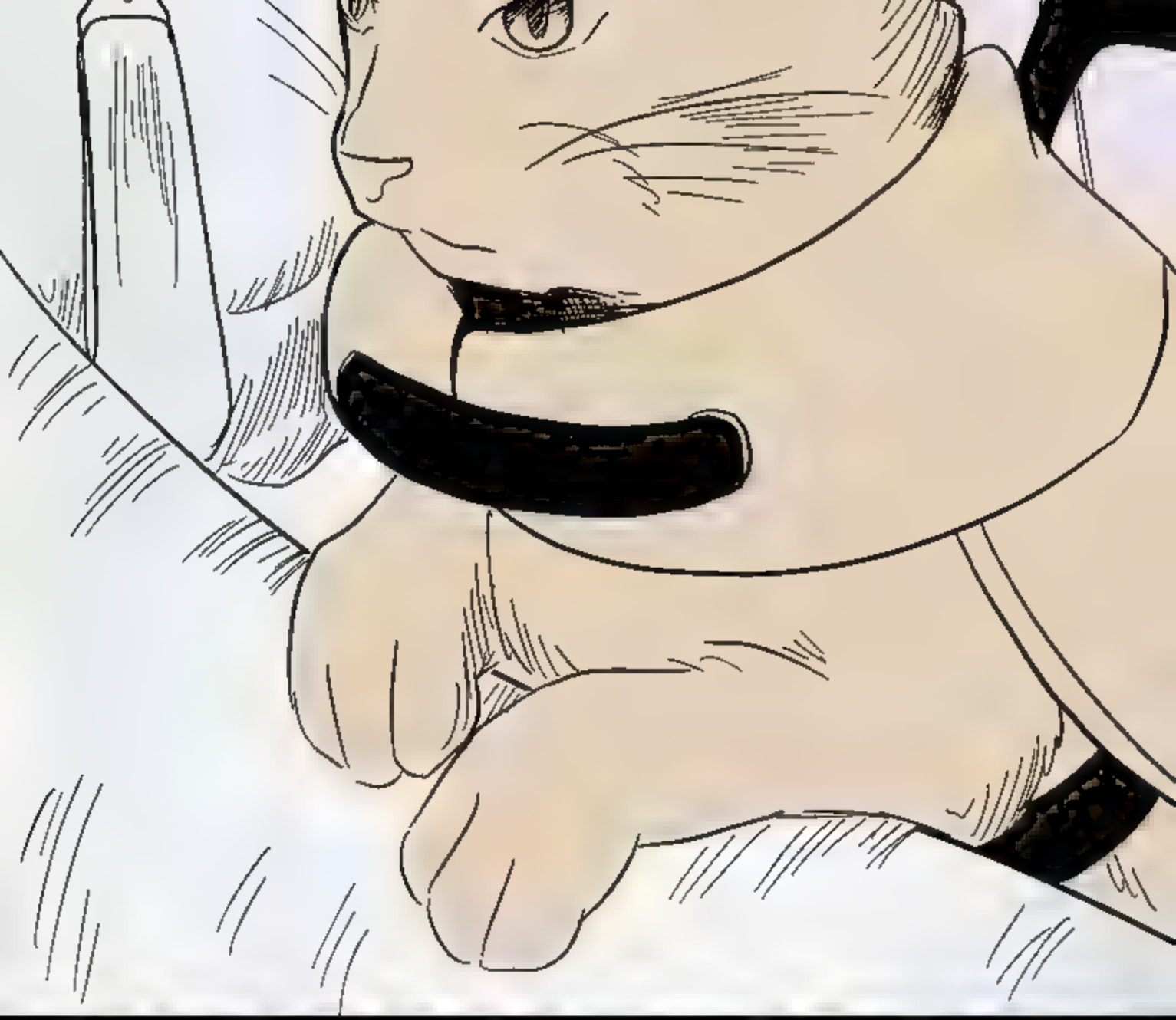
LIKE ENTERING A NARROW HALLWAY WITH NO DOORS OR EXITS.
GRRRR...

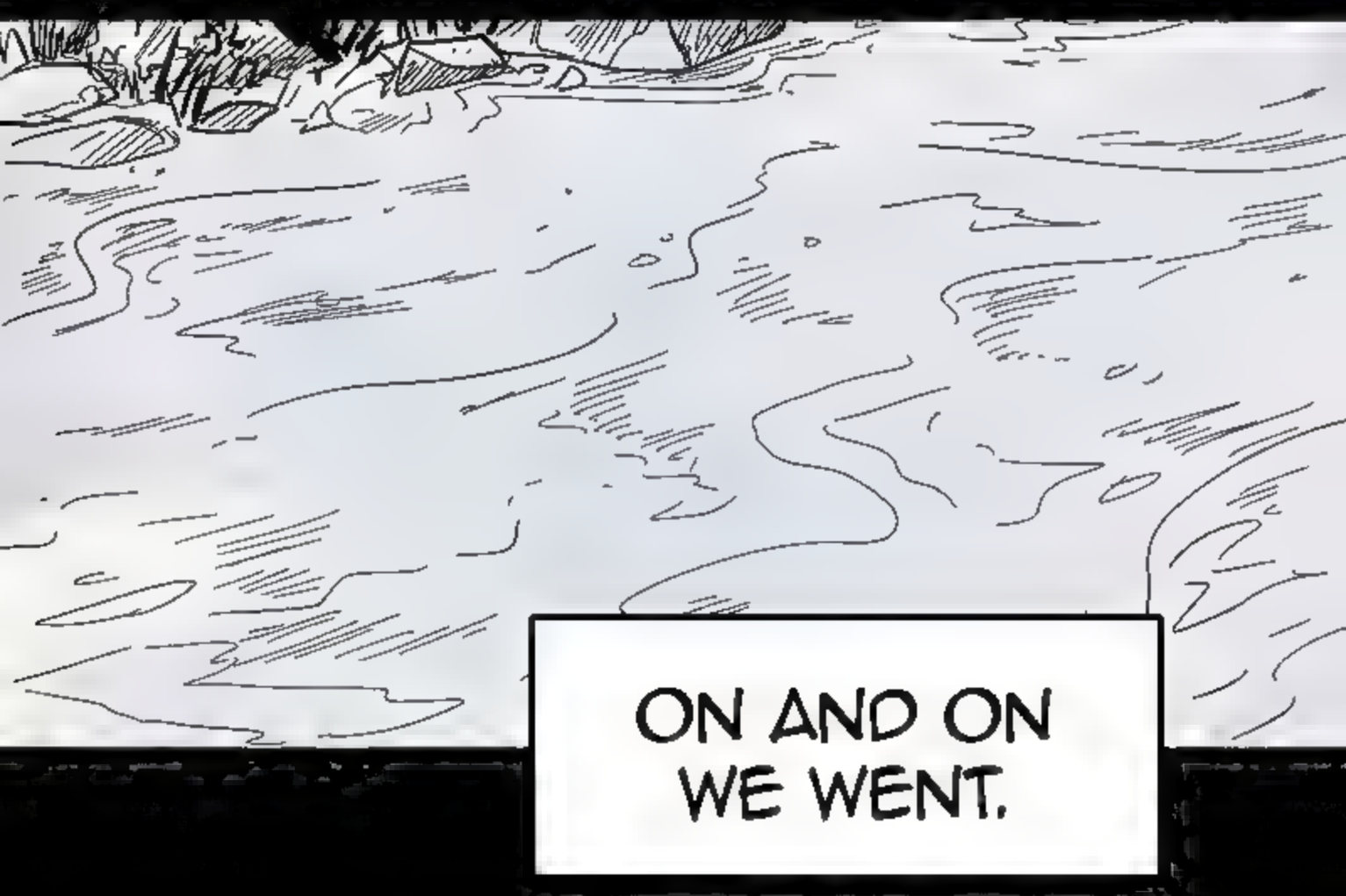
WHAT'S UP, LITTLES? IS THE WATER BUGGING YOU?

GRRRR...

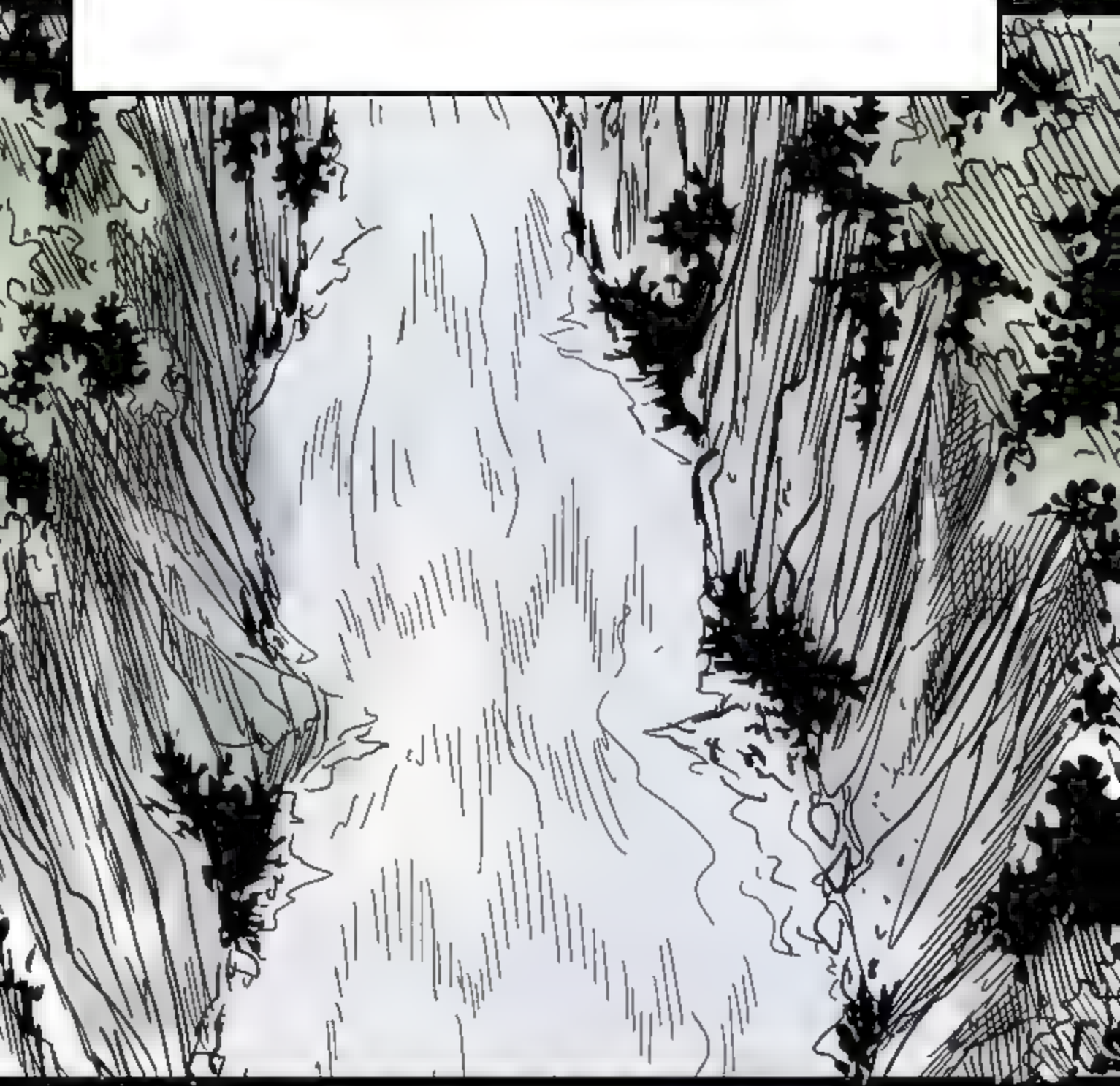
WHAT'S WRONG, FRAN?
LITTLES DOESN'T LIKE THE WATER, THAT'S ALL.

IT'S OKAY.
WE'LL BE THERE SOON.

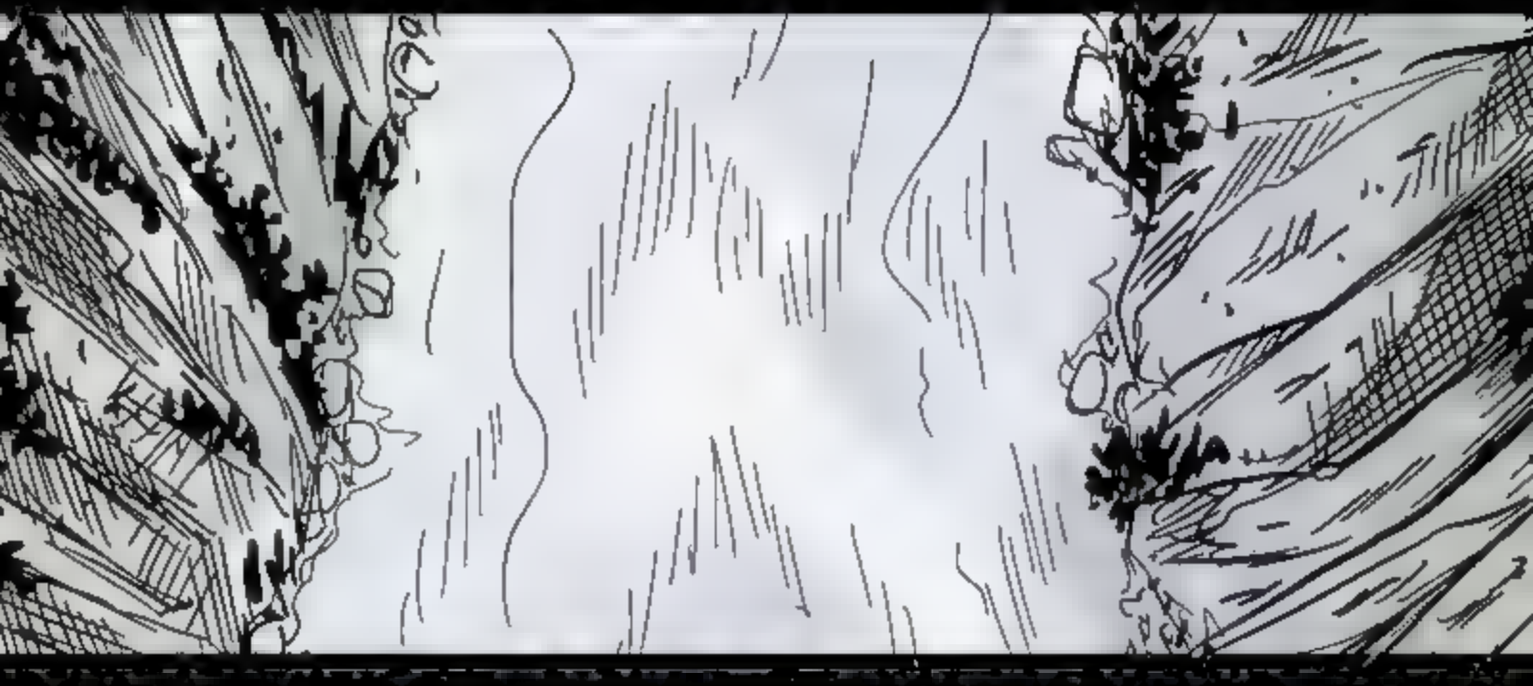



ON AND ON
WE WENT.

IT WAS SUCH A NICE DAY, I COULD ALMOST FORGET WHAT WE WERE TRYING TO ESCAPE. ALMOST.



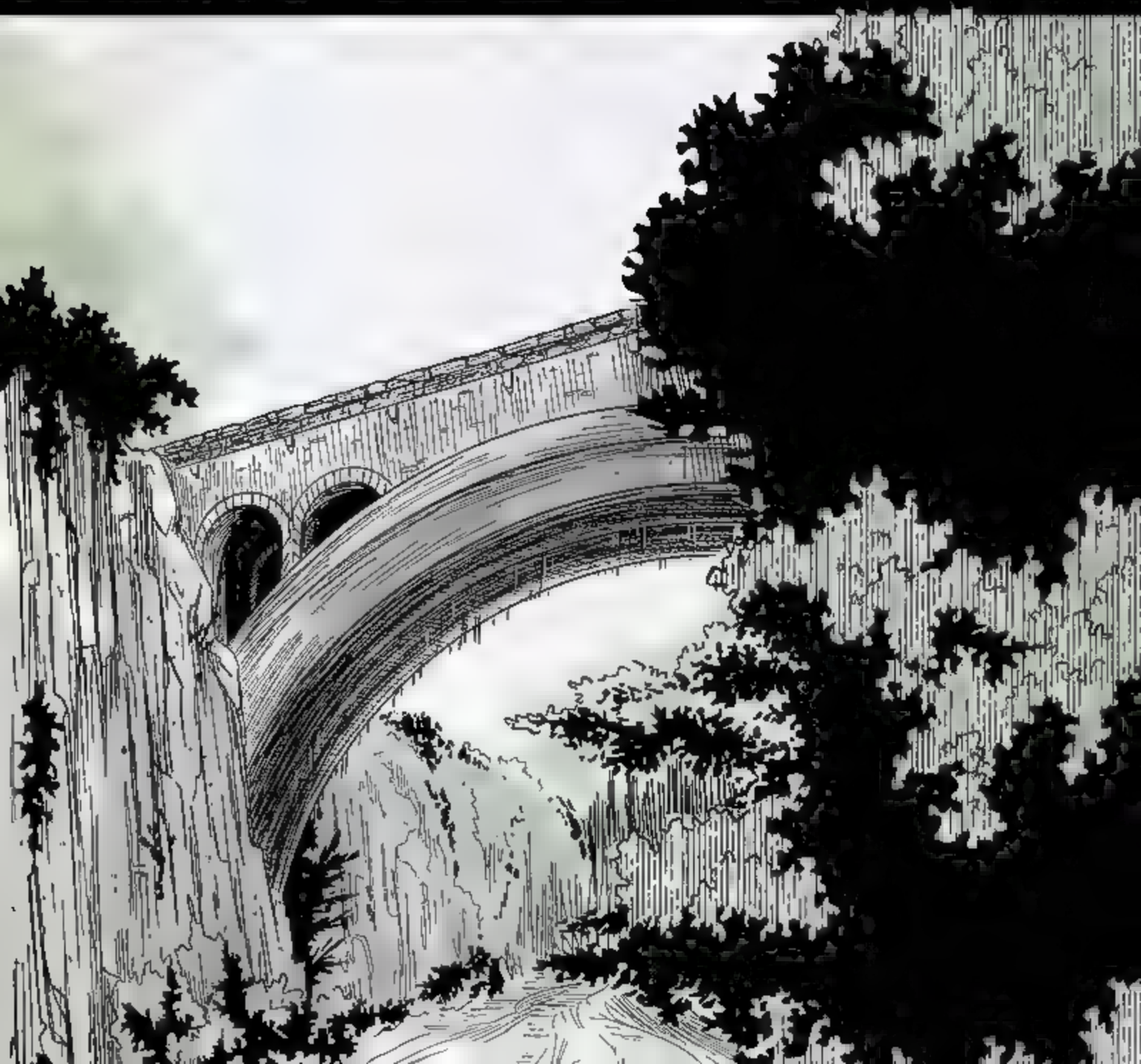
BUT JUST BEING ON THE RIVER AND REMEMBERING...



SEEING JEREMY'S BODY HIT THE WATER LIKE IT WAS A CEMENT WALL...

I JUST WANTED THIS RIDE TO BE *OVER.*

AND THEN...



FRANKIE! LOOK!
I CAN SEE THE BRIDGE! WE JUST HAVE TO GO UNDER IT AND ANOTHER MILE OR TWO!

WE'RE ALMOST

OUT!

IS IT...
REALLY
HAPPENING?

ARE WE
OUT?

GRRRRRR.

SSHHH... IT'S OKAY, LITTLES.
WHATEVER IT IS, WE'LL BE OUT VERY SOON.

KLAK

HELLO MY SPOOKY CHILDREN,
IT IS TIME
WOAH
HALLOWEEN CONTEST WINNERS, FINALLY!
IT WAS HARD TO CHOOSE, GET OFF MY BACK —

THERE WERE SO MANY AMAZING ENTRIES THAT I DECIDED TO GIVE TWO PRIZES: ONE FOR DRAWINGS AND ONE FOR COSTUMES!

FIRST SOME RAD RUNNERS-UP!

THIS DRAWING BY APPLE IS GREAT FOR A LOT OF

REASONS, BUT TINKERBELL JEREMY IS THE TOP ONE.

SINCE FRANKIE HAD SO MUCH FUN IN THE UNDERGROUND...

FRANKIE AS
Alice in Wonderland

And I'm a SIM, since a superior mysterious force has been controlling my actions

FELIX AS
A SIM FROM
SIMS

JEREMY AS
HUMAN TORCH
FROM
THE FANTASTIC FOUR

LÉO FROM BRAZIL SENDS THIS INCREDIBLE ART...FRANKIE IS NOT THIRSTY, IT SEEMS.

ROCKET1111CHILD SHOULD DO POSTER ART FOR A LIVING, THEY'RE AMAZING!!

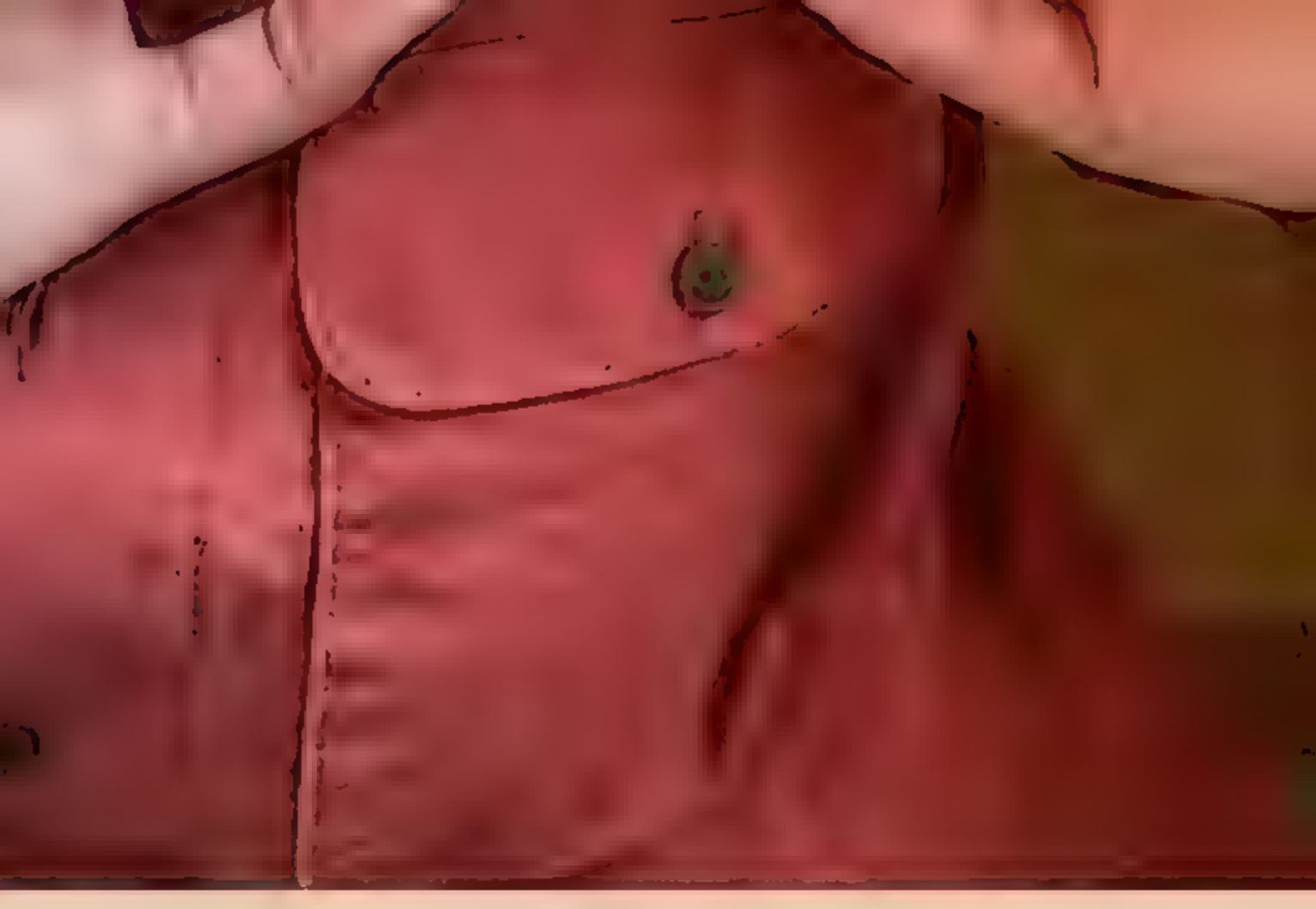
AND THE DRAWINGS WINNER IS...

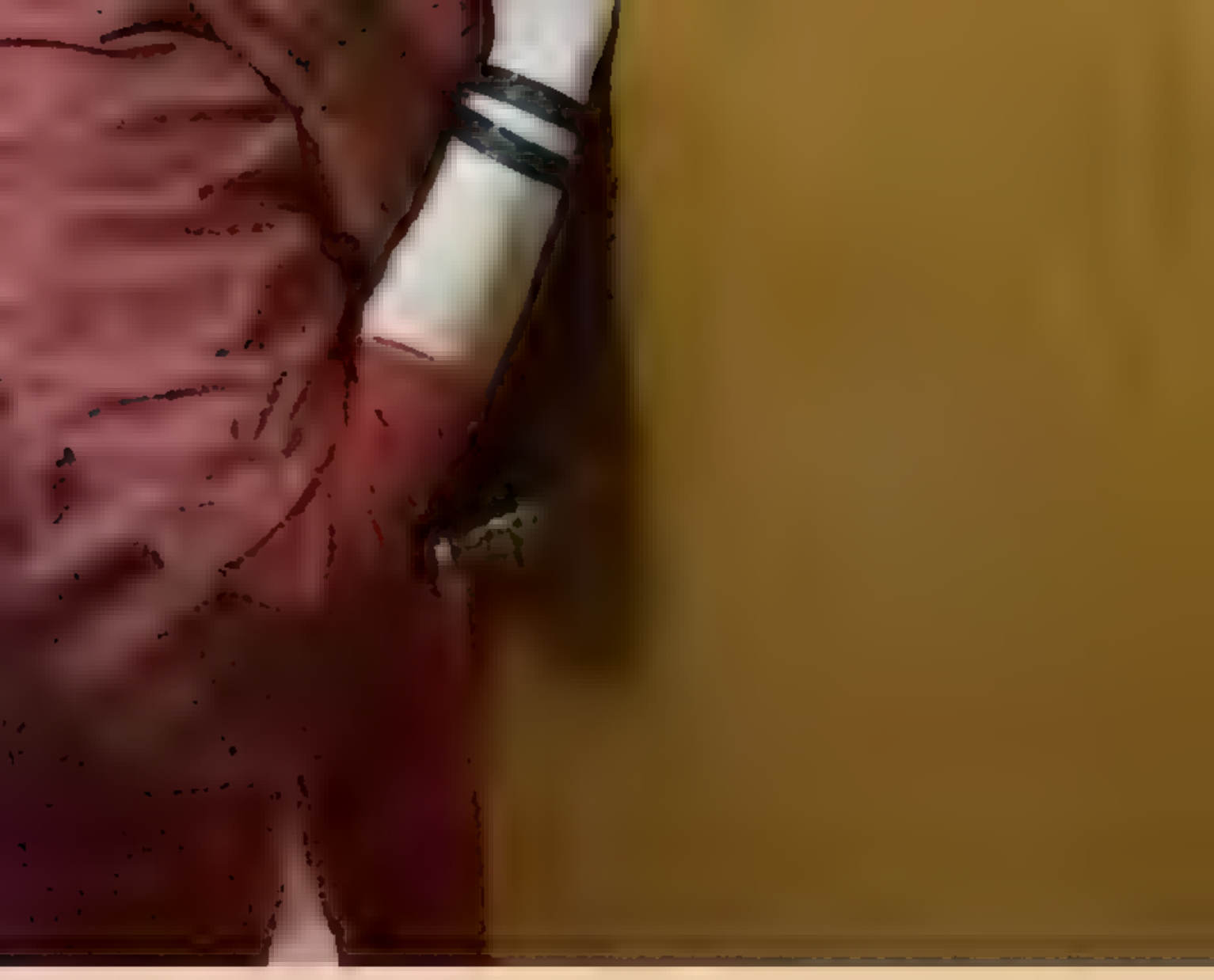
NORAH, WITH A SUPER RAD *GAKKOUGURASHI!* COSTUME SET! I'M LIVING FOR FELIX IN A SKIRT, AND IT LOOKS LIKE HE IS TOO. CONGRATS!

THE COSTUME ENTRIES WERE CRAAAAAZY!

A SPECIAL MENTION TO KATIE, WHO MADE A COSTUME *AND ALSO* REFERENCED THE ACTUAL PANEL ART! *I HEART THAT SO MUCH.*

DAVE





DAT BEE THO... :)

ALSO A SPECIAL WHAT-UP TO MACKENZIE FOR MAKING AND THEN BEATING UP A CAMERA, WITH A GAS CAN, AS JEREMY. YOU KIDS ARE METHOD AS

HECK AND I LOVE IT SO.

TELL ME THAT'S NOT

FANTASTIC. YOU CAN'T, BECAUSE IT IS!

I'LL BE HONEST, IT WAS SO HARD TO PICK A WINNER BECAUSE ALL OF YOU WORKED SO HARD AND DID SO AMAZING!

THE TOP PRIZE FOR COSTUMES GOES TO COCO, FOR SCARING THE *PANTS* OFF YOUR POOR DEERMOM WHEN SHE OPENED THE FILE!

I WANT THOSE PANTS BACK EVENTUALLY COCO

EVENTUALLY, COCO.

BOTH WINNERS RECEIVE A LOVELY JAR OF MARBLES!

AND TEETH!!

FOR REAL.

BUT FOR REAL THO:

(NOT REAL HUMAN TEETH PROBABLY)

THIS IS NOT THE LAST OF THESE ENTRIES, THOUGH! I HAVE A FEW PICKED OUT YOU WILL WANT TO SEE LATER...THEY ARE CREEEEEEPY >:)

THANK YOU TO *EVERYONE* WHO ENTERED, I LOVED ALL YOUR WORKS!

LUV, PUNKO!